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Town of Freedom New Hampshire

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015
Vital Statistics for 2015

The cover this year represents our Town Forest which celebrated its first 10 years in 2015. These hand carved signs stand within the boundaries of the forest directing visitors to two of the favorite sites the forest has to offer. Additional pictures can be viewed within the report.

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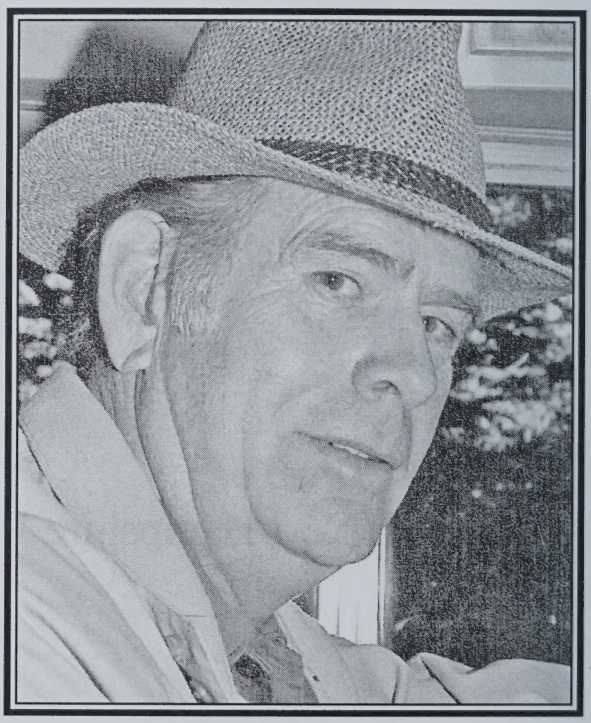
This year's dedication is again shared with two individuals who have in their own way given of their time and talents to making Freedom what it is today.

DEDICATION

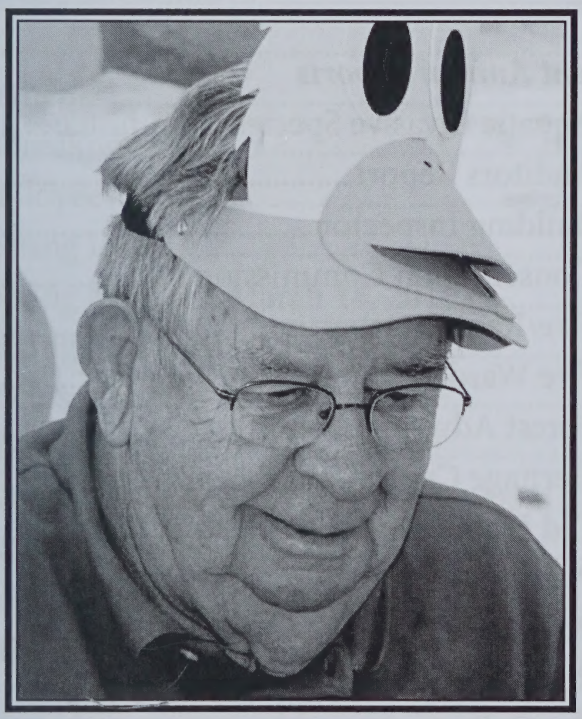
G. WENDELL BROOKS



Wendell, a life long native of Freedom has a long history with the Fire Department. Not only serving for many years in the department he has also held the positions of 2nd deputy, acting Chief, Assistant Chief and also as Chief. Wendell was also one of the founders of the Ossipee Valley Mutual Aid, Firemen's Carnival, dances, soft ball teams, junior fireman's program and he reinstated the lobster supper. Wendell over the years has held the position of Road Agent, was a school bus driver for 20 years and a member of the Planning Board for 5 years. Wendell has also over the years donated labor and equipment for various projects including the Church addition, the Library addition and reconstructing the ballfield, to name just a few.

DEDICATION

HOWARD BOUVÉ



Recognition would also like to be given to Howard Bouvé who has been a resident of Freedom for many years. Howard has not only served as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment starting in 1991 he as been an alternate to that board from 2002 to the present. Having started as an election worker Howard has been the assistant moderator for the past 20 years at town elections. Howard has also given many hours as a volunteer to Town groups and organizations.

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TOWN OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

***Moderator:* Donald G. Johnson, 2017**

Selectmen
Ernest Day, Jr 2016
Leslie Babb, 2017
Neal Boyle, 2018

Town Administrator
Karen Hatch

Administrative Assistant
Janice Zecher

Road Agent
Scott Brooks, 2016

Police Chief
Josh Shackford

Fire Chief/FF Warden
Justin Brooks

Emergency Management Directors
Kevin Wells

Safety Officer
Kelly McClare

Animal Control
Jon Evans

Health Officer
Frank Evitts

Town Clerk
A. Elizabeth Priebe, 2016

Treasurer
Pamela Clemens-Keith, 2016

Tax Collector
Annette Babb, 2017
Tammy Nason, Deputy

Supervisors of the Checklist
Daniel Brooks, 2016
Carol Stansell, 2018
Patricia McCoy, 2020

Cemetery Trustees
Janice Zecher, 2016
Alan Fall, 2017
Dorothy Brooks, 2018

Trustee of Trust Funds
Kimberly Reis, 2016
Paul Olzerowicz, 2017
Patricia McCoy, 2020

Transfer Station Manager
Justin Brooks

Town Buildings Custodian
Mark McKinley

Zoning Officer
Ned Hatfield

Building Inspector
Robert Babine

Conservation Commission

Robert Hatch, 2016
Michael Gaudette, 2016
Alice Custard, 2017
John Roman, 2017
Paul Elie, 2017
William Elliott, 2018
Susan Hoople, Alt 2016
Gregory Bossart, Alt 2018

Town Forest Advisory Committee

Robert Hatch, 2016
Ron Newbury, 2016
David Charrette, 2017
Janet Johnson, 2017
Chuck Depew, 2018
Neal Boyle, Sel. Rep.
Peter Park, PB Rep
Janet Meyers, Alt 2018

Planning Board

Anne Cunningham, 2016
Maynard Thomson, 2016
William Elliott, 2017
Jean Marshall, 2017
Paul Elie 2018
Peter Park, 2018
Pamela Clemons-Keith, Alt 2016
Les Babb, Sel. Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Karl Ogren, 2016
Jacob Stephan, 2016
Scott Lees, 2017
John Quigley, Alt 2015
Todd Desmarais, Alt 2016
Dennis Anderson, Alt 2016
Craig Niiler, 2018
Timothy Cupka, Alt 2018

Library Trustees

Paul Mathieu, 2016
Laura Robinson, 2018
Chuck Brooks, 2018
Tom Luke, Alt 2016

Heritage Commission

Gale Morris, 2016
Peg Scully, 2017
Robert Smart, 2017
Bonnie Burroughs, 2018
Alan Fall, 2018
Scott Cunningham, Alt 2016
Lee Fritz, Alt 2017
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alt 2018
Ernest Day, Jr., Sel. Rep.

2016 BOARD MEETING DATES

FOREST ADVISORYCOMMITTEE

The Forest Advisory Board will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 6	May 4	September 7
February 3	June 1	October 5
March 2	July 6	November 2
April 6	August 3	December 7

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 14	June 9	September 8
March 10	July 14	October 13
May 12	August 11	November 10

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Freedom Conservation Commission will meet on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm at the Freedom Town Hall.

January 19	May 17	September 20
February 16	June 21	October 18
March 15	July 19	November 15
April 19	August 16	December 20

FREEDOM HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Freedom Heritage Commission will meet on the following dates at 6:00 pm at the Freedom Church.

January 14	June 9	November 10
April 14	September 8	

FREEDOM PLANNING BOARD

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Planning Board are listed below. Meetings are held on the third Thursday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular Planning Board Meeting
December 31, 2015	January 21, 2016
January 28, 2016	February 18, 2016
February 25, 2016	March 17, 2016
March 31, 2016	April 21, 2016
April 28, 2016	May 19, 2016
May 26, 2016	June 16, 2016
June 30, 2016	July 21, 2016
July 28, 2016	August 18, 2016
August 25, 2016	September 15, 2016
September 29, 2016	October 20, 2016
October 27, 2016	November 17, 2016
November 23, 2016	December 15, 2016

FREEDOM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The regular monthly meetings of the Freedom Zoning Board of Adjustment are listed below. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday at the Freedom Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Items submitted either after the deadline or incompletely filled out, will not be placed on the agenda. Such applications will be deferred.

Application Submittal Closing Deadline	Regular ZBA Meeting
January 11, 2016	January 26, 2016
February 8, 2016	February 23, 2016
March 7, 2016	March 22, 2016
April 11, 2016	April 26, 2016
May 9, 2016	May 24, 2016
June 13, 2016	June 28, 2016
July 11, 2016	July 26, 2016
August 8, 2016	August 23, 2016
September 12, 2016	September 27, 2016
October 10, 2016	October 25, 2016
November 7, 2016	November 22, 2016
December 12, 2016	December 27, 2016

RULES OF PROCEDURE

According to RSA 40, the town Moderator determines the procedures to be used in Town Meetings. The Moderator determines the rules without regard to parliamentary or other procedural rules. The voters can overturn the Moderator's rules at any time, however. A motion to overturn the Moderator's rules, or establish new rules, will always take precedence to other business which is already "on the floor".

So that you will know the ground rules by which we are maintaining order, these procedural rules are announced to you ahead of time.

- The Moderator will read each article in its entirety before that article is considered.
- There can be no discussion until there has been a motion under the article. (usually the first motion is to approve the article as it appears on the warrant)
- All motions must be seconded by a different individual.
- Discussion will only take place after a motion has been moved and seconded.
- All discussion must take place only when called upon by the Moderator. You must have permission from the Moderator before you can speak.
- When the Moderator recognizes you, standup, speak out loudly and announce your name before proceeding with your comments.
- If you want to change a portion of a motion, you can do so by making an amendment. We will consider only one move to amend at any given time. When discussion regarding an amendment comes to a conclusion, the amendment will be voted upon. If the amendment passes we will then continue considering the original motion as it has now been amended. If the amendment fails, we will return to considering the motion in its form prior to the motion to amend.
- A secret written ballot will be used on any article when requested by any 5 voters in writing (RSA 40:4-a).
- A vote will be re-tabulated by secret written ballot when requested in writing or orally by only 7 voters (RSA 40:40b). This action must be requested before we have already moved onto the next item of business.

One final word of advice from your Moderator: If you want to get action from the Town Meeting, you have to make a motion. It's okay to get up and ask a question or make a comment (as long as it's relevant to what's on the table), but if you want the Town Meeting to discuss and vote on your idea, you have to get it on the table with a motion. Let's work together to have a successful and efficient meeting.

Thank you,
Donald Johnson, Moderator

TOWN OF FREEDOM

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

AND

TOWN MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015

This year the election of town and school officers was held on Tuesday and Town Meeting itself was held on Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE: For the purposes of these minutes: (a) there were a total of 238 ballots cast for this election, with 1130 voters on the checklist at the beginning of the day, one new voter registering during the day, totaling 1131 at day's end, for a 21% +/- voter turn-out; (b) the election results are included herein and (c) a write-in candidate must have received a minimum of five (5) votes to be included or have been declared the winner with less than five (5) votes:

TOWN WARRANT 2015 – MINUTES [ABRIDGED]

The Moderator, Don Johnson, opened Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 1:05 p.m.

Moderator Johnson advised the meeting that the Freedom School District had raised and appropriated the total sum of $3,492,491.00 at their Annual Meeting held at the Freedom Elementary School on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Johnson reviewed the Rules of Procedure and directed the meeting to Page 3 in this year's Town Report.

Moderator Johnson introduced himself and the other election officials as follows: Carol Stansell and Pat McCoy, Supervisors of the Checklist, noting that Dan ("Bud") Brooks, the third Supervisor, was not present, Libby Priebe, Town Clerk, John Ratigan, Town Counsel, Les Babb, Neal Boyle and Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen, and election workers Rochelle Brooks, Chuck Brooks and Sue Brown, Deputy Town Clerk.

Moderator Johnson presented an award to Alice (Meserve) Haslett for her fifty (50) years of service to the Town as a Ballot Clerk. Alice received a round of applause from the meeting.

Moderator Johnson and Alice Haslett led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectman Babb spoke to the meeting noting that the Town and the School work together to try to maintain level taxes and avoid spikes in the tax rate, trying to equally represent all 3086 property owners. He noted that at this point there are 139 owners

struggling to stay in their homes and keeping the rates flat and to budget accordingly is not an easy task.

Karen Hatch and Linda Farinella from the Town Office were recognized and thanked for the preparation of the Town Report and for their hard work and dedication getting everything ready for town meeting.

Moderator Johnson read the Warrant into the minutes:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Freedom, on Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 2015 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 1 through 6, which shall be voting by official ballot for the election of Town officers and zoning amendments. The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. and shall close at 7 p.m., unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

The business meeting to present, discuss and act upon Articles 7 through 27 will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14th, 2015 at the Freedom Town Hall.

The polls were opened at 8am and closed at 7 pm on Tuesday, March 10th, 2015.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):
To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Moderator Johnson announced the election results, as follows:

TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectman, Three Years (vote for one):		Neal E. Boyle	135
	write-in:	Bill Elliott	55

Neal E. Boyle declared the winner.

Trustee of the Trust Funds, Three Years (vote for one):		
	Patricia E. McCoy	132
	G. Wendell Brooks	102

Patricia E. McCoy declared the winner.

Cemetery Trustee, Three Years (vote for one)	Dorothy Brooks	211

Planning Board Members, Three Years (vote for two):		
	Peter S. Park	217
write-in:	Paul Elie	61

Peter S. Park and Paul Elie were declared the winners.

Library Trustee, Three Years (vote for one):	Laura Robinson	216
Library Trustee, One Year (vote for one):	Charles D. Brooks	218

SCHOOL OFFICERS:

School District Moderator, One Year (vote for one):	Donald G. Johnson	224
School Board Member, Three Years (vote for one)	Jennifer Viger	206
School Board Member, One Year (vote for one)	Joyce M. Watson	104
	Brett Taylor	117

Brett Taylor declared the winner.

School District Auditor, One Year (vote for one)	Scott M. Cunningham	219
School District Clerk, One Year (vote for one)	Dianne M. Park	214

The Town Clerk, Libby Priebe, performed a 'swearing in' ceremony for those present, being: Neal E. Boyle, Selectman, Patricia E. McCoy, Trustee of the Trust Funds, Paul Elie, Planning Board Member, Laura Robinson, Library Trustee (3 years), Charles D. Brooks, Library Trustee (1 year), Donald G. Johnson, School District Moderator, Brett Taylor, School Board Member (1 year), and Scott M. Cunningham, School District Auditor.

Article 2: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add section 304.6.1 to the zoning ordinance to require a town permit for construction, excavation, and filling within the protected shoreland. Freedom will issue a permit upon review of the permit by notification required by the State of New Hampshire under RSA 483-B:5b I. (a). Adding this section will place no additional requirements on the applicant above what is currently required by state law. If this ARTICLE passes, table 304.5 will be revised to reflect this change.

VOTE: 183 YES 48 NO. Article 2 carries.

Article 3: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Repeal section 304.6.3.2 Construction Not Exceeding 600 Square Feet of Disturbance because the adoption of section 304.6.1 will cover all construction projects of 600 feet and under. The repeal of this article shall become effective only if ARTICLE 2 (amendment 1, above) is adopted.

VOTE: 168 YES 59 NO. Article 3 carries.

Article 4: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Change section 310.1.5, the 10% coverage rule for structures on lots, to change the method of calculating the coverage to include only the area of the lot covered by roofs. (The changes to section 304.6.1 will cover all other impermeable surfaces.)

VOTE: 162 YES 58 NO. Article 4 carries.

Article 5: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Modify the requirements in section 304.6.5.7 regarding cutting dead, diseased, and unsafe trees to allow an applicant wishing to remove dead, diseased, or unsafe trees to obtain the opinion of a certified arborist or a licensed NH forester to attest to the condition of the tree(s).

VOTE: 160 YES 69 NO. Article 5 carries.

Article 6: (To vote by Official Ballot):

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Add a definition of living space to section 1802 to clarify what living space is and the requirements for using parts of structures as living space:

> Living space is space used for recreational activities, sleeping, storage, or other uses accessory to the primary home. Living space cannot include a stove and/or other cooking appliances. Inclusion of a stove or other cooking appliances creates a dwelling unit. Any living space used for sleeping must meet all building code and life safety requirements.

VOTE: 163 YES 66 NO. Article 6 carries.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,243,239 for General Government for (FY 2015) as follows:

General Government		**$**	**488,177.00**
Total Town Office	281,992.00		
Election and Registration	6,300.00		
Legal Expense	24,000.00		
Payroll Taxes	47,867.00		
Planning and Zoning Boards	5,900.00		
Public Buildings	67,430.00		
Cemeteries	3,725.00		
Insurance	48,692.00		
Lakes Region Planning Com.	2,271.00		
Total General Government:	488,177.00		

Public Safety		**$**	**521,605.00**
Total Police Department	314,980.00		
Total Fire Department	139,800.00		
Ambulance Service	37,250.00		
Building Inspector	13,299.00		
Zoning Officer	6,300.00		
Forest Fire Protection	3,000.00		
Emergency Management & Safety	750.00		
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,826.00		
Water Precinct	400.00		
Total Public Safety:	521,605.00		
Highways and Streets		**$**	**798,180.00**
Total Wages and benefits	383,412.00		
Total Expenses	402,768.00		
Total Highway Department	786,180.00		
Street Lights	12,000.00		
Total Highways and Streets:	798,180.00		
Sanitation (Transfer Station)		**$**	**186,778.00**
Total Wages & benefits	82,553.00		
Total Expenses	104,225.00		
Total Sanitation:	186,778.00		
Health:		**$**	**13,843.00**
Welfare:		**$**	**12,000.00**
Culture and Recreation:		**$**	**91,050.00**
Conservation:		**$**	**6,330.00**
Debt Service		**$**	**125,276.00**
TOTAL FOR ARTICLE 7:		**$**	**2,243,239.00**

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Justin ("Cubby") Brooks

Selectman Babb spoke to the Article. Question regarding the increase in the town officers salaries line – explained that the Town Clerk would be being paid a salary based on an hourly rate as opposed to receiving fees. The fees received will go to the town and will offset the increase.

Public Safety: no questions.

Highway Department: no questions.

Sanitation: **Les Babb** made a **MOTION TO AMEND** the Sanitation appropriation by adding Ten Thousand ($10,000.00) Dollars, making the bottom line for Article 7 a total of $2,253,239.00. **SECONDED by Cubby Brooks.**

Selectmen Babb explained there had been an incident at the transfer station involving hot ashes being dumped and causing a fire and there is a need to secure the

facility by replacing the fence and adding six foot gates at both entrances to prevent future problems.

VOTE ON MOTION to Amend: Yes, the Motion to Amend the Sanitation appropriation by adding $10,000.00, making the bottom line for Article 7 a total of $2,253,239 **carries**.

Discussion on Article 7 as amended continued.

Jane Davidson questioned the increase for the Parks and Recreation Department and Selectman Babb explained the increase would be to place new "Welcome to Freedom" signs at the Town's borders. Bill Elliott was recognized and spoke on behalf of the project.

Mark Bossi questioned the $7000 increase for the Library. Laura Robinson, chairman of the Library Trustees, explained that an employee had left and the position was up-graded from an assistance position to a Library Assistant position, which accounts for $5,000 of the increase and the additional $2000 is for new computers.

Carol Stansell questioned the removal of the milfoil money from the Conservation money. Michael Gaudette, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, explained that the Milfoil issue would be handled in a separate warrant article to follow and will now have its own budget if the article passes.

Discussion.

VOTE on Article 7 as amended to $2,253,239.00: YES, Article 7 carries.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $29,148.00 for this year's contract with R. B. Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and all other assessing duties required for the year.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectmen Babb explained that this is a multi year multi town contract started in 2012 and it runs out on December 31, 2016.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 8: Yes, Article 8 carries.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day explained that this is for routine annual maintenance.

No discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 9: Yes, Article 9 carries.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day explained that this was for routine annual maintenance.

Sue Brown asked which would road be involved. Road Agent Brooks said the roads would be evaluated in the spring, but probably parts of Lake Ossipee Village, Rice Hill and/or Swett Hill.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 10: Yes, Article 10 carries.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Day explained that this was another annual routine maintenance item.

Patty Saffalo questioned why these articles were separated out the way they are. Selectman Babb explained that it is done for transparency issues.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 11: Yes, Article 11 carries.

Article 12 :

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for the purchase of a Physio-Control Lucas 2 chest compression system for the Fire-Rescue Department.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Boyle turned the explanation to Fire Chief Cubby Brooks, who then asked EMT Rob Cunio to explain. Rob spoke in favor of the Article and recommended it as a life-saving measure.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 12: Yes, Article 12 carries.

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Scott Cunningham

Selectman Boyle explained that the Town Forester works with the Forest Advisory Commission and helps to maintain the town forest.

John Krebs questioned if this recurring expense could be dealt with annually with a line item in the budget. Selectman Babb explained that it is a recurring item but the warrant article vote is required by the Stewardship Fund, which requires a vote of the people to expend. John Krebs asked if permission could be granted in the meeting. Question was referred to town's counsel.

Attorney Ratigan explained that if money is in a special fund, it is necessary to have a vote each year to expend any money from that fund.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 13: Yes, Article 13 carries.

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,000.00 for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Mike Gaudette

Selectman Boyle explained the town carries this money to be used in the town forest for maintenance.

Ron Newbury questioned why the amount was up from the $10,000 requested last year. It was explained that the money was to be used to upgrade the road into Trout Pond.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 14: Yes, Article 14 carries.

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to complete and present the results of the community survey and to update the maps for the Master Plan.

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Anne Cunningham

Selectmen Babb noted that this was a continuation of this project. Anne Cunningham noted that it may come back before this meeting one more time.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 16: Yes, Article 16 carries.

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for the removal of milfoil; to be funded by the withdrawal of $1,500.00 from the Removal of Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund and the remainder to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Mike Gaudette

Thanks were given to Jim McElroy and his crew for their due diligence with this program.

Pat McCoy, a Trustee of the Trust Funds, wanted the Fund name corrected to match the current fund in existence.

Discussion.

Pat McCoy made a MOTION to insert the words "a non capital reserve fund" after the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund; SECONDED by Joyce Watson.

No further discussion.

VOTE on MOTION TO AMEND the article by inserting the words: "a non capital reserve fund" after the Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund: Yes, the amendment carries.

VOTE on Article 16 as amended to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,000.00 for the removal of milfoil; to be funded by the withdrawal of $1,500.00 from the Removal of Milfoil Expendable Trust Fund, a non capital reserve fund, and the remainder to come from general taxation" -**YES, Article 16, as amended, carries.**

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Building and Land Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Les Babb

Selectman Day explained that there is already money in this account and this amount will be added to it.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 17: Yes, Article 17 carries.

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Ernest Day, Jr.
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Day explained that this money would be added to the existing fund.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 18: Yes, Article 18 carries.

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 to be added to the Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Boyle turned the floor over to Selectman Babb, who explained that this was another capital reserve fund to have money available as needed for these projects, recommended by Road Agent Brooks.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 19: Yes, Article 19 carries.

Article 20:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund of the Town previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Joyce Watson

Selectman Babb explained that the selectmen were trying to get away from borrowing by placing money into these accounts for purchases.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 20: Yes, Article 20 carries.

Article 21:

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Freedom Public Library Expendable Trusts Fund to include an additional purpose "ground maintenance at the Library". (2/3 vote required)

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Laura Robinson

Selectman Babb stated that this article explains itself.

Carol Stansell asked for an explanation as to the differences in the funds. Attorney Ratigan said a capital reserve fund is for capital improvements. An expendable fund can for capital improvements or for operational needs, allows for flexibility. He also noted that non-capital reserve and expendable seemed to be used interchangeably. Carol Stansell asked: "so there really are only 2" and Attorney Ratigan confirmed yes, expendable or capital.

Paul Olzerowicz, also a Trustee of the Trust Funds, recommended everybody check out Page 95 in the Town Report which shows all of the accounts.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 21: Yes, Article 21 carries.

Article 22:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Neal Boyle
SECONDED: Laura Robinson

Selectman Boyle asked Laura Robinson, Chairman of the Library Trustees, to speak to the article. She said there is some money left in the existing fund, but the need to remove a tree, the air conditioning and some windows are to be replaced. This request had been reduced from the $2,500.00 requested in previous years.

No further discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 22: Yes, Article 22 carries.

Article 23:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with NH RSA 35:1 to be known as the Town Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repair or replacement of roads and bridges within the town; to raise and appropriate the sum of $250,000.00 to be placed in this fund with an offset of $100,000 to come from unassigned fund balance and the remaining to be raised by general taxation; and furthermore to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Scott Brooks, Sr.

Selectman Babb explained that this is a new fund and that it probably should have been started a few years ago, as the list would scare us, including the necessary repairs to the Ossipee Lake Road and the bridge over the Danforth Bay outlet.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 23: Yes, Article 23 carries.

Article 24: (By Petition)

This is a petition to request that a walk/run/bike path be paved on Pequawket Trail from Ossipee Lake Road to the entrance of Totem Pole Camping Park, approximately 1.1 miles, on each side of the road.

MOTION: Marge Amico
SECONDED: Laurie Mailman

Marge Amico, one of the petitioners, spoke to the Article, stating that the purpose of this Article was to ask the town meeting participants to indicate whether this idea has merit to determine whether or not to come back to the Town with detailed numbers and plans for the cost of putting the path in place next year. She noted: there is a very high traffic count in that area, due to the 486 sites in Totem Pole, that Totem Pole brings in $533,500 in real estate taxes yearly and owners are non-residents. She also noted that Totem Pole has been in existence 30 years and has paid in lots of tax money over the years. She pointed out that the path would be 1.1 mile – each way – and, if built, would connect into the existing bike path along the Ossipee Lake Road. She used $666,000 as a ballpark figure for the construction, tree removal and re-paving.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 24: Yes, Article 24 carries.

Article 25: (By Petition)

I (We), the undersigned, property owners, taxpayers, and/or residents of the Town of Freedom, New Hampshire, do hereby petition to see if the Town of Freedom will accept Beach Club Drive as a public road.

MOTION: Bruce Mailman
SECONDED: Tim Powers

Bruce Mailman, one of the Petitioners, spoke to the Article, stating that he had been a resident of Beach Club Drive for almost thirty years, noting that Beach Club Drive is approximately one-half mile long, does not have any culverts, and there are no drainage issues. He also noted that the Town has been plowing Beach Club Drive for fifteen years. The town receives about $35,000 each year from tax revenues. There is no through traffic on Beach Club Drive. The residents along Beach Club Drive perform annual maintenance to keep it in condition for the Town to plow during the winter. The cost of their annual maintenance at this point is approximately $1,000.00.

Ned Kucera asked why this road wasn't already a town road.

Selectman Babb explained that the Town had never been petitioned to accept the road before, which is part of the process.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 25: Yes, Article 25 carries.

Article 26:

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a multi-year agreement (which may include an intergovernmental agreement under RSA Chapter 53-A), with one or more ambulance service providers and/or other regional municipalities such as, but not necessarily including or limited to, the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Ossipee, Madison and Tamworth, to provide emergency medical/ambulance services.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0

MOTION: Les Babb
SECONDED: Cubby Brooks

Selectman Babb addressed this Article, stating that the current ambulance contract runs out at the end of this year. Freedom has been paying around $37,000.00 per year for ambulance service. This service provides for having an ambulance available to serve the residents of Freedom - it does not cover the cost of transport. As the contracts are coming due, the prices will be going up, as the ambulance company has been losing money at the current rates. Ossipee pays $565,000.00 and Effingham $96,000.00. If things move forward as planned, and all the towns vote in favor, Freedom's rate will jump from $37,250 to $75,988. If we were to establish our own ambulance service in Town, the cost would be around $300,000.00. The cost is better with more towns involved.

Carol Stansell asked which company the Contract would be with. Selectman Babb said it would be CarePlus.

Anne Cunningham asked: what are we voting on?

Selectman Babb said that the actual ambulance contract amounts would be voted on each year, as it would be placed in the budget going forward. All six towns have to vote to set in motion.

Moderator Johnson noted that for this year, the current contract price is included in Article 7. This Article would grant the Selectmen the approval to go forward on the new contract and that this article is not asking for an appropriation this year.

Discussion.

VOTE ON ARTICLE 26: Yes, Article 26 carries.

Article 27:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Moderator Johnson noted that the total raised and appropriated for this meeting was $2,770,887.00.

Selectman Babb presented an award to Moderator Johnson, stating: He's always told us he's the #1 Moderator - now he has a trophy to prove it! Don has been our Moderator for 26 years.

Moderator Johnson thanked the Selectmen and the townspeople, stating it has been an honor to serve.

Scott Cunningham, on behalf of the Freedom Historical Society, presented the Town with two framed pieces of artwork by Samuel Warren. The pieces are given to be hung in the Town Hall with previous works presented to the Town by the Historical Society.

Seeing no further business to come before this meeting, Moderator Johnson declared the meeting over and adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

A true copy, attest: /s/ A. ELIZABETH PRIEBE
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT 2016

The polls will be open from 8:00am to 7:00pm

To the inhabitants of the Town of Freedom, in the County of Carroll, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Freedom, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon Article1 which shall be voting by official ballot for the election of Town officers The polls shall be open from 8:00 a.m. and shall close at 7 p.m., unless there is a vote to keep the polls open to a later hour. The ballots will be counted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

The business meeting to present, discuss and act upon Articles 2 through 21 will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at the Freedom Town Hall.

Article 1: (To vote by Official Ballot):

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: (Bond – to be acted on by separate ballot)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,459,015.00 (gross budget) for roadway and drainage improvements to Ossipee Lake and Bennett Road, and to authorized the issuance of not more than $1,459,015.00 in bonds or notes for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorized the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to accept any and all other revenue that may become available for this purpose and to take any and all action necessary to carry out any vote hereunder or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3rds vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$2,292,567** for General Government for FY 2016 as follows:

	FY 2015 APPROP	FY 2015 EXP	FY 2016 APPROP
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Office:			
Wages, Fees, Benefits:			
Town Officers Salaries	54,934	47,788	59,366
Selectemen's Fees	200	52	200
Town Clerk Fees	0	2,577	0
Town Clerk Costs	5,600	4,962	6,000
Deputy Town Clerk	2,650	3,806	2,700
Tax Collector Fees/Costs	20,500	18,206	20,000
Salaries - Full Time	85,000	85,632	82,160
Salaries - Part Time	6,000	6,635	6,000
Retirement	2,700	2,983	3,450
Health/Dental Insurance	58,808	49,625	35,360
Life/Disability Insurance	2,300	1,897	2,300
Total Wages, Fees, Benefits	**238,692**	**224,163**	**217,536**
Town Office Expense	43,300	43,477	47,600
Total Town Office	**281,992**	**267,640**	**265,136**
Election and Registration	**6,300**	**5,156**	**16,800**
Legal Expense	**24,000**	**17,506**	**15,500**
Payroll Taxes	**47,867**	**44,707**	**47,638**
Planning and Zoning Boards:			
Wages - Part Time	1,900	2,655	1,950
Expense	4,000	3,677	3,900
Total Planning and Zoning Boards	**5,900**	**6,332**	**5,850**
Public Buildings:			
Wages - Part Time	10,300	8,014	10,300
Expenses	57,130	43,560	57,130
Total Public Buildings	**67,430**	**51,574**	**67,430**
Cemeteries	**3,725**	**1,110**	**3,725**
Insurance	**48,692**	**48,692**	**47,498**
Lakes Region Planning Commission	**2,271**	**2,271**	**2,271**
Total General Government	**488,177**	**444,988**	**471,848**

	FY2015 APPROP	FY 2015 EXP	FY 2016 APPROP
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
Police Department:			
Wages, Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	124,500	141,184	142,080
Salaries - Part Time	46,000	44,437	46,000
Overtime/Holiday/Severance	14,634	10,723	5,614
Retirement	38,000	39,642	41,000
Health/Dental Insurance	48,516	43,805	42,308
Life/Disability Insurance	930	674	930
Total Wages and Benefits	**272,580**	**280,465**	**277,932**
Expenses	42,400	31,224	42,400
Total Police Department	**314,980**	**311,689**	**320,332**
Fire Department:			
Wages, Benefits			
Salaries - Part Time Chief	12,360	12,360	12,553
Part-Time Station Duty	37,540	36,842	38,532
Stipend for Response	30,000	29,997	30,000
Expense	59,900	55,395	59,850
Total Fire Department	**139,800**	**134,594**	**140,935**
Ambulance Service	**37,250**	**37,250**	**75,989**
Building Inspector	**13,299**	**14,155**	**14,663**
Zoning Officer	**6,300**	**3,321**	**6,300**
Forest Fire Protection	**3,000**	**2,793**	**3,000**
Emergency Management & Safety	**750**	**1,000**	**750**
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	**5,826**	**5,826**	**6,188**
Water Precinct	**400**	**400**	**400**
Total Public Safety	**521,605**	**511,028**	**568,557**
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:			
Highway Department:			
Wages and Benefits:			
Salaries - Full Time	188,581	148,300	188,581
Salaries - Part Time	20,323	24,645	20,323
Salaries - Overtime	52,008	23,574	52,008
Retirement	6,800	5,312	6,800
Health/Dental Insurance	112,100	104,481	115,737
Life/Disability Insurance	3,600	3,045	3,100
Total Wages and Benefits	**383,412**	**309,357**	**386,549**

	FY2015 APPROP	FY 2015 EXP	FY 2016 APPROP
Expenses:			
Rental Equipment	120,362	103,303	120,362
Contract Services	28,038	27,919	28,038
Operating Expenses	254,368	313,860	254,368
Total Expenses	**402,768**	**445,082**	**402,768**
Total Highway Department	**786,180**	**754,439**	**789,317**
Street Lights	12,000	11,916	12,000
Total Highways and Streets	**12,000**	**11,916**	**12,000**
SANITATION:			
Transfer Station:			
Wages - Full Time	40,492	40,992	41,317
Wages - Part Time	12,000	11,277	12,500
Retirement	1,215	1,230	1,240
Health/Dental Insurance	28,046	26,273	28,934
Life/Disability Insurance	800	781	1,000
Total Wages and Benefits	**82,553**	**80,553**	**84,991**
Expenses:			
Engineering	2,500	2,300	3,500
Transport Materials	85,000	81,665	90,000
Operating Expenses	26,725	25,485	17,539
Total Expenses	**114,225**	**109,450**	**111,039**
Total Sanitation	**196,778**	**190,003**	**196,030**
HEALTH:			
Salary and Expenses	800	96	500
Agencies:			
Carroll County Mental Health	1,433	1,433	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000	2,000	2,000
Community Action Program	4,000	4,000	4,000
White Mt Health Center	0	0	1,707
Starting Point	1,313	1,313	1,418
Red Cross	1,300	1,300	1,300
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,247	2,247	2,500
Ossipee Children's Fund	650	650	1,000
Life Flight Foundation	100	100	100
Total Health	**13,843**	**13,139**	**15,958**

	FY2015 APPROP	FY 2015 EXP	FY 2016 APPROP
WELFARE:			
Salary	1,800	1,978	2,000
Town Needy	10,200	6,914	9,000
Total Welfare	**12,000**	**8,892**	**11,000**
CULTURE AND RECREATION:			
Parks and Recreation	10,100	9,854	10,750
Library	77,450	77,450	78,650
Memorial Day	1,000	1,084	1,000
Old Home Week	2,000	2,000	2,000
Heritage Commission	500	530	850
Total Culture and Recreation	**91,050**	**90,918**	**93,250**
CONSERVATION:			
Conservation Commission	2,580	1,858	2,580
Water Quality Testing	3,000	3,000	3,000
Milfoil Remediation	0	0	9,500
Aquatic Invasive Species	750	482	750
Total Conservation	**6,330**	**5,340**	**15,830**
DEBT SERVICE:			
Bond Principal	75,000	75,000	75,000
Lease Principal	26,774	26,774	27,521
Bond Interest	16,200	16,200	14,700
Lease Interest	2,302	2,302	1,556
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	5,000	0	0
Other Interest	0	0	0
Total Debt Service	**125,276**	**120,276**	**118,777**
TOTAL ARTICLE 3	**2,253,239**	**2,150,939**	**2,292,567**

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $39,736.00 for this year's contract with R.B.Wood & Associates, LLC to complete the necessary new construction assessing for the year and statistical update for all properties.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $49,215.00 to purchase and equip a new 4 wheel drive cruiser for the Police Department; and to authorize the withdrawal of $25,000.00 from the Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and the balance of $24,215.00 to come from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $448,000.00 for the purchase of a NFPA 1901 compliant fire engine, this appropriation shall be contingent upon the Town receiving a grant in the amount of $317,143.00 for this purpose, with the balance of $130,857.00 to be raised by taxation. Should the grant not be received, this article shall be null and void.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $85,000.00
for a highway truck with a dump body and plow.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68,000.00 to repave on Town Roads.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $52,000.00 to sealcoat on Town Roads.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,000.00 for road crack sealing on Town Roads.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for a licensed forester to oversee the administration of forestry activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,250.00 for maintenance activities in the Town Forest for the ensuing year with said funds to be withdrawn from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be added to the previously established Municipal Land and Building Capital Reserve Fund

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 14:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be added to the previously established Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 15:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Highway Drainage Structures Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 16:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to be added to the previously established Police Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be added to the Freedom Public Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 18:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of employee health insurance costs under RSA 39:19-a. This account to be named Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for this purpose and furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

Article 19:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,350.00 to refurbish the Town's Roller Shed located at the back of School House Hill. This building has been listed in the NH State Register of Historic Places.

Article 20: (By petition)

To see if the Town of Freedom will vote to accept the private portion, (approx. 405 feet) at the end of Pauli Point Road as a public road.

Article 21:

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighth day of February in the year of the Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

A true copy, attest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb
Neal E. Boyle
Ernest F. Day, Jr.

BUDGET
OF THE TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriations Prior Year	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year
General Government			
Executive	54,934	47,788	59,366
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,300	5,156	16,800
Financial Administration	227,058	219,854	205,770
Revaluation of Property	29,148	29,148	39,736
Legal Expenses	24,000	17,506	15,500
Personnel Administration	47,867	44,707	47,638
Planning and Zoning	12,200	9,653	12,150
General Government Buildings	67,430	51,574	67,430
Cemeteries	3,725	1,110	3,725
Insurance	48,692	48,692	47,498
Regional Assoc	2,271	2,271	2,271
Public Safety			
Police	314,980	311,689	320,332
Ambulance	37,250	37,250	75,989
Fire	142,800	137,387	143,935
Building Inspection	13,299	14,155	14,663
Emergency Management	750	1,000	750
Hydrants, Dam Safety	6,226	6,226	6,588
Highway and Streets			
Highway and Street	920,180	874,953	923,317
Street Lighting	12,000	11,916	12,000
Sanitation			
Solid Waste Disposal	196,778	190,003	196,030
Health			
Health Officer	800	96	500
Health Agencies	13,043	13,043	15,458
Welfare			
Administration	1,800	1,978	2,000
Vendor Payments & Other	10,200	6,914	9,000

Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	10,100	9,854	10,750
Library	77,450	77,450	78,650
Patriotic Purposes	1,000	1,084	1,000
Other Culture and Recreation	2,500	2,530	2,850
Conservation			
Administration	2,580	1,858	2,580
Other Conservation	33,750	33,482	22,500
Debt Services			
Princ–Long Term Bonds & Notes	101,774	101,774	102,521
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	18,502	18,502	16,256
Interest on TANs	5,000	0	0
Capital Outlay			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	15,000	15,000	582,215
Improvements Other Than Buildings	5,000	5,000	1,459,015
Buildings	0	0	16,350
Operating Transfer Out			
To Capital Reserve Fund	303,000	303,000	37,000
To Trust Fund	1,500	1,500	3,500
TOTAL	**$2,770,887**	**$2,655,100**	**$4,573,633**

	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing FY
SOURCE OF REVENUE			
Taxes			
Timber Taxes	13,000	10,172	25,000
Other Taxes – Boat	5,500	6,976	6,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	60,000	55,448	50,000
Licenses, Permits and Fees			
Business Licenses & Permits	6,400	6,400	6,300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	275,000	306,385	290,000
Building Permits	15,000	22,001	18,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	21,000	40,882	10,000
From Federal Government	0	0	317,143

From State			
Meal & Rooms Tax Distribution	60,000	73,239	60,000
Highway Block Grant	70,000	76,941	75,000
From Other Governments			317,143
Charges for Services			
Income from Departments	8,600	8,600	8,600
Other Charges	1,500	1,951	1,500
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Investments	1,500	1,707	1,500
Other	20,000	31,166	10,000
Interfund Operating Transfers In			
From Capital Reserve Fund	1,500	1,500	25,000
From Conservation Funds	22,000	22,000	9,250
Other Financing Services			
From Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	1,459,015
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	**$581,000**	**$665,368**	**$2,689,451**

Appropriations Recommended	$2,292,567
Special Warrant Articles	1,557,980
Individual Articles	723,086
Total Appropriations	$4,573,633
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenue & Credits	$2,689,451
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	$1,884,182

TOWN OF FREEDOM
DETAIL OF REVENUE
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

Source		Amount
Property Tax Levy	$5,987,434	
Interest & Penalties Late Taxes	55,448	
Yield Tax	10,172	
Boat Tax	6,976	
Land Use Change Tax	0	**$6,060,030**
State Aid:		
Meals & Rooms Distribution	73,239	
Highway Block Grant	76,941	**150,180**
Town Clerk:		
State UCC	120	
Wetlands, PSNH Pole	10	
Dog Licenses	644	
Vehicle Registrations	306,385	
Other Fees	560	**307,719**
Transfer Station:		
Permits	18,665	
Tipping Fees	15,515	
Recycling Revenue	564	**34,744**
Building Inspector:		
Permits		**22,001**
Police Department:		
Reports, etc	262	
Special Detail Fees	1,951	**2,213**

Selectmen:		
Copies-Printouts-Maps-Checklists-Fax	1,096	
Donations	6,600	
Planning Board Fees	1,214	
ZBA Fees	2,808	
Winter Road Maintenance Fees	1,700	
Other Permits and Fees	109	
Town of Eaton (Fire)	8,600	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	6,325	
Sale of Town Property	0	
Rents of Property	150	
Interest Income	1,707	
Fines	213	**30,522**
Deferred Taxes		**7,532**
Health Insurance Premium Return (per court order)		**14,274**
Special Revenue Fund Transfer (Conservation)		**22,000**
Extendable Trust Fund Transfer (Milfoil)		**1,500**
Use of Fund Balance		**110,000**
TOTAL		**$6,762,715**

TOWN OF FREEDOM
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2015

	BALANCE 01/01/15	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED	TRANSFER TO GENL FUND REVENUE	BALANCE 12/31/15
INTERFUND TRANSFERS IN:					
Cemetery P/C Int.	4,171	79			4,250
New Municipal Bldg/Land	5,000				5,000
Town Road R-O-W		4,800			4,800
Total Transfers In	**9,171**	**4,879**			**14,050**
GIFTS AND DONATIONS:					
General Government:					
Town Hall	300	800			1,100
Public Safety:					
Police Dept	1,000	850			1,850
K9 Dog	222	650	488		384
Fire Dept		800			800
Highways:					
Highway Dept	2,033	500			2,533
Culture and Recreation:					
Recreation	900	300			1,200
Heritage Commission		500			500
Total Gifts and Donations	**4,455**	**4,400**	**488**		**8,367**
POLICE - Outside Detail		**8,614**	**13,520**		**-4,906**
GRANTS - Fire Department	**-1,500**	**3,000**	**1,500**		**0**
CONSERVATION:					
Gifts	195				195
Milfoil Grant	-810	6,640	5,830		
Milfoil Gifts	6,898	11,625	10,723		7,800
Land Use Tax	14,865		1,100		13,765
Wildlife Habitat	16,470		219		16,251
Town Forest Maintenance	66,571	11,577		22,000	56,148
Town Forest Trail Grant	-2,405				-2,405
Town Forest Stewardship (	4,099	500			4,599
Total Conservation	**105,883**	**30,342**	**17,872**	**22,000**	**96,353**
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	**118,009**	**51,235**	**33,380**	**22,000**	**113,864**

PROPERTY VALUATION INVENTORY SCHEDULE

Value of Land	Acres	2015 Assessed Valuation	Totals
A. Current Use (at current use values)	11,589	$770,518	
B. Residential	6,219	244,550,500	
C. Commercial/Industrial	414	4,792,700	
Total of Taxable Land			$250,114,018
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land (13,038,400)			
Value of Buildings Only			
A. Residential		$214,600,621	
B. Manufactured Housing		20,947,700	
C. Commercial/Industrial		8,088,700	
D. Discretionary Preservation Easement (19 structures)		65,579	
Total of Taxable Buildings			243,702,600
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Buildings (10,176,400)			
Public Utilities – Value of all property used in production, transmission and distribution including production, machinery, land, land rights, easements, etc.			
Electric		$4,547,700	
Total Public Utilities			4,547,700
Valuation Before Exemptions			**$498,364,318**
Blind Exemptions RSA 72:38-b			
Total Number Granted 1		$15,000	
Elderly Exemptions RSA 72:39, a and b			
Total Number Granted 8		350,000	
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b			
Total Number Granted 1		20,000	
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			385,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate is Computed			**$497,979,318**
Less Public Utilities			4,547,700
Net Valuation without utilities which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed			**$493,431,618**

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
Purpose of Appropriations

General Government

Town Officers' Salaries	$54,934
Election & Registrations	6,300
Town Office Expense	227,058
Revaluation of Property	29,148
Legal Expenses	24,000
Personnel Administration	47,867
Planning and Zoning	17,200
General Government Buildings	67,430
Cemeteries	3,725
Insurance	48,692
Lakes Region Planning	2,271

Public Safety

Police	314,980
Ambulance	37,250
Fire	157,800
Building Inspection	13,299
Emergency Management	750
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	5,826
Water Precinct	400

Highway Streets and Bridges

Highway Streets and Bridges	920,180
Street Lighting	12,000

Sanitation

Solid Waste Disposal	196,778

Health

Administration	800
Health Agencies	13,043

Welfare

Administration	1,800
Vendor Payments	10,200

Culture and Recreation

Parks & Recreation	10,100

Library 77,450
Patriotic Purposes 1,000
Old Home Week 2,000
Heritage 500

Conservations

Administration of Natural Recourses 6,330
Other Conservation 30,000

Debt Services

Bond Principal 75,000
Bond Interest 16,200
Interest on TAN 5,000
Other Debt Service 29,076

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve Funds

Police Department 10,000
Highway Equipment 20,000
Highway Drainage 11,000
Municipal Land & Building 12,000
Infrastructure 250,000

Trust Funds

Library 1,500

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS $2,770,887

Certification

This is to certify that the information contained in this form appropriations actually voted by the town meeting were taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Selectmen of Freedom
Leslie Babb
Ernest Day Jr.
Neal Boyle

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officer Salaries

Selectmen	$15,000
Town Clerk	23,638
Tax Collector	6,000
Town Treasurer	3,000
Trustee of Trust Funds	150
Expended	$47,788
Appropriated	54,934
Under run	$7,146

Town Office Expenses

Selectmen's Fees	$52
Town Clerk Fees & Costs	7,539
Deputy Town Clerk	3,806
Tax Collector Fees & Costs	18,206
Town Administrator	53,125
Administrative Assistant	32,507
Part-time Salary	6,635
Health/Dental Insurance	49,625
Life/Disability Insurance	1,897
Retirement	2,983
Reimbursable Expense	1,845
Computer Support	11,955
Dues	2,385
Tax Map Updates	4,095
Meeting/Training	560
Office Supplies	6,260
Equipment Purchases	841
Telephone	2,856
Printing/Postage/Notices	1,700
Professional Audit	10,649
Bank Charges	333
Expended	$219,854
Appropriated	227,058
Under Run	$7,204

Election & Registration

Workers	$2,338
Printing/Advertising	2,670
Operating	148
Expended	$ 5,156
Appropriated	6,300
Under run	$1,144

Revaluation of Property

Expended	$29,148
Appropriated	29,148
Balance	0

Legal Expense

Town Office	$4,588
Planning Board	1,605
Zoning	363
Kondrat	4,203
Personnel	4,134
Tax Deeded Property	2,367
Cell Tower	245
Expended	$17,505
Appropriated	24,000
Under run	$6,495

Payroll Taxes

Expended	$44,707
Appropriated	47,867
Under run	$3,160

Planning and Zoning

Part-time Salary	$2,655
Expenses	3,677
Expended	$6,332
Appropriated	5,900
Over Run	$432

Zoning Officer

Part Time Salary	$3,070
Expenses	251
Expended	$3,321
Appropriated	6,300
Under run	$2,979

Town Buildings

Part-time Salary	$8,014
Operating Expenses	31,069
Office Maintenance/Repair	3,609
Town Hall Maintenance/Repair	6,338
Public Safety Building Maintenance and Repair	1,939
Village Fire Station Maintenance and Repair	155
Expended	$51,124
Encumbered	450
Total	51,574
Appropriated	67,430
Under run	$15,856

Cemetery	Expended	$1,110
	Appropriated	3,725
	Under run	$2,615

Insurance	Expended	$48,692
	Appropriated	48,692
	Balance	0

Advertising & Regional Associates

Lakes Region Planning	Expended	$2,271
	Appropriated	2,271
	Balance	0

Emergency Management Program	Expended	$1,000
	Appropriated	750
	Over Run	$250

Police Department

Chief Salary	$67,513
Full Time Salaries	73,671
Part Time Salaries	44,437
Overtime/Holiday	10,723
Animal Control	3,241
Retirement	39,642
Health & Dental Insurance	43,805
Life & Disability Insurance	674
Vehicle/Equipment Repairs	5,678
Operating Expenses	20,048
Equipment	366
K-9 Expenses	500
D.A.R.E	888
Training	503
Expended	$311,689
Appropriated	314,980
Under run	$3,291

Fire Department

Part-Time Chief Salary	$12,360
Member's Stipend	29,997
Part-time Station Duty	29,299
Mutual Aid Dues	4,500
Equipment Purchases	10,154
Vehicle Repairs & Inspections	18,771
Dry Hydrants	12,027
Turnout Gear	4,860
Radio/Equipment Repairs	938
First Responders	4,137
Operating Expense	164
Expended	$127,207
Encumbered	7,387
Total	134,594
Appropriated	139,800
Under Run	$5,206

Forest Fire Protection

Labor		$1
Equipment		69
	Expended	$1,372
	Encumbered	1,421
	Total	2,793
	Appropriated	3,000
	Under Run	$207

Water Precinct	Expended	$400
	Appropriated	400
	Balance	$0

Ossipee Lake Dam Authority	Expended	$5,826
	Appropriated	5,826
	Balance	$0

Building Inspector

Part Time		$12,602
Expenses		1,554
	Expended	$14,156
	Appropriated	13,299
	Over run	$857

Highway Maintenance

Summer

Labor		$ 76,382
Rental Equipment		39,916
Materials		34,211
Signs and Signals		5,820
Contract Services		27,919
	Expended	$184,248
	Encumbered	67,660
Total Summer Maintenance		**$251,907**

Winter

Labor	$120,137
Rental Equipment	63,388
Materials	75,962
Total Winter Maintenance	**$259,487**

General Highway Expense	$130,207

Health & Dental Insurance	104,481
Life/Disability Insurance	3,045
Retirement	5,312

Expended	$754,439
Appropriated	786,180
Under Run	$31,741

Street Lights

Expended	$11,916
Appropriated	12,000
Under run	$ 84

Transfer Station

Full-time Salary	$40,992
Part-time Salaries	11,277
Health & Dental Insurance	26,273
Life/Disability Insurance	781
Retirement	1,230
Engineering	2,300
Transfer Fees	81,665
Household Hazardous Waste Fee	2,150
Site Improvements	13,530
Operating Expense	9,805

Expended	$190,003
Appropriated	196,778
Under run	$6,775

Health Officer

Part Time Salary	$ 79
Expenses	17
Expended	$ 96
Appropriated	800
Under run	$704

Health & Social Services

Ambulance	$37,250
C.C. Mental Health	1,433
Children Unlimited	2,000
Community Action Program	4,000
Central NH VNA & Hospice	2,247
Starting Point	1,313
Red Cross	1,300
Ossipee Child Fund	650
Lifeflight Foundation	100
Expended	$50,293
Appropriated	50,293
Balance	0

Welfare

Part Time Salary	$1,978
General Assistance	1,914
Food Pantry	5,000
Expended	$8,892
Appropriated	12,000
Under run	$3,108

Parks & Recreation

Part-time salary	$1,210
Operating Expense	8,643
Expended	$9,853
Appropriated	10,100
Under run	$ 247

Library.....Expended.....$77,450
Appropriated.....77,450
Balance 0

Heritage Commission.....Expended $530
Appropriated.....500
Over run.....$ 30

Patriotic Purposes
Old Home Week $2,000
Other 1,084
Expended $3,084
Appropriated.....3,000
Over run.....$ 84

Conservation Commission
Administration.....Expended.....$1,858
Appropriated.....2,580
Under run.....$ 722

Water Quality Testing.....Expended.....$3,000
Appropriated.....3,000
Balance 0

Forest Maintenance.....Expended.....$8,004
Encumbered..... 7,996
Total.....16,000
Appropriated.....16,000
Balance 0

Forester.....Expended $3,297
Encumbered.....2,703
Total.....6,000
Appropriated.....6,000
Balance 0

Aquatic Invasive Species

Administration	$482
Milfoil Removal	8,000
Expended	$8,482
Appropriated	8,750
Under run	$268

Debt Services

Bond Principal PSB	$75,000
Lease Principal Tank Truck	26,774
Expended	$101,774
Appropriated	101,774
Balance	0

Interest Expense

Tax Anticipated Notes Interest	$0
Bond Interest	16,200
Tank Truck Interest	2,302
Expended	$18,502
Appropriated	23,502
Under run	$5,000

Capital Reserve

Police Department Equipment	$10,000
Highway Equipment	20,000
Highway Drainage	11,000
Municipal Land and Building	12,000
Infrastructure	250,000
Expended	$303,000
Appropriated	303,000
Balance	0

Trust Funds

Library	Expended	$1,500
	Appropriated	1,500
	Balance	0

Capital Outlay/Individual Articles

Highway – Crack and Seal	Expended	$ 8,500
	Appropriated	14,000
	Under run	$5,500
Highway – Sealing	Expended	$46,819
	Appropriated	52,000
	Under run	$5,181
Highway – Hot Top	Expended	$65,194
	Appropriated	68,000
	Under run	$2,806

Planning Board

Master Plan	Expended	$ 143
	Encumbered	4,857
	Total	$5,000
	Appropriated	5,000
	Balance	0

Fire Department

Lucas Auto Paulse	Expended	49,146
	Appropriated	49,148
	Under run	2

Total Budget Under Run.....$115,786

2015 Tax Rate $12.10

Tax Rate Breakdown
Freedom

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	$2,116,636	$497,979,318	$4.25
County	$685,542	$497,979,318	1.38
Local Education	$2,145,784	$497,979,318	4.31
State Education	$1,067,764	$497,979,318	2.16
Total	**$6,015,726**	**$1,991,917,272**	**$12.10**

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Freedom Village Water	$0	$15,023,824	$0
Total	**$0**	**$15,023,824**	**$0**

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	$6,015,726
War Service Credits	($30,800)
Village District Tax Effort	$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$5,984,926**

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	$2,770,887	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		($597,521)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		($100,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		($10,000)
War Service Credits	$30,800	
Special Adjustment	$0	
Actual Overlay Used	$22,470	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	**$2,116,636**	

County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	$685,542	
Net Required County Tax Effort	**$685,542**	

Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	$3,213,548	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	$0	
Ned Education Grant		$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		($1,067,764)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	**$2,145,784**	
State Education Tax	$1,067,764	
State Education Tax Not Retained	$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	**$1,067,764**	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	$497,979,318	$496,596,423
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	$493,431,618	$491,969,823

Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Freedom Village Water	$15,023,824	

TOWN OWNED EQUIPMENT
In Excess of $1,000

Highway

1963 York Rake
2014 Cat 924K Loader
2014 Cat 420 Backhoe (Used at Transfer Station)
2011 Cat 140M2 Motor Grader
1992 Morbark Chipper
2013 International All Wheel Drive
2011 Ford F550 XL One Ton (In Service Aug 2010)
2006 Ford F550 One Ton (Hwy/Fire)
1985 GMC Tank Truck
2004 Chevy Tahoe
1991 MB Sweeper
1994 Billy Goat
2006 Hiway 12' stainless steel sander
2001 Hiway 3 yd stainless steel sander
2000 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Hiway 5 yd stainless steel sander
1999 Shoulder Gravel Machine
2011 Pressure Washer
Miller Generator/Welder

Police Department

2013 Chevy Tahoe
2012 Chevy Tahoe
2 Kustom Golden Eagle II Radar units
3 Mobile Motorola Astro Digital Radio
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6

Fire Department

2012 International Tank Truck
2009 Chevy Tahoe
2006 F550 Ford Forestry Truck
2000 F550 Ford Rescue Truck
1996 Spartan Fire Truck
1989 Mack Fire Truck
1926 Seagrave Fire Truck
2004 Portable Deck Gun

1996 Stinger Deck Gun
2006 (23) XTS 2500i Portable Radios
2004 (4) Motorola Astro Digital Radios
1996 100 Watt Kenwood Radio
1998 Jaws of Life Power Unit
1998 Hurst 60" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst 30" Hydraulic Ram
1998 Hurst Combi Tool Spreader Cutter
1998 Hurst Cutter
2010 Hurst Tool Cutter
2004 Stabilization Kit
MSA 5500 Thermal Imaging Camera
10 MSA Airpacks
Honda Generator
2007 13,000 watt Honda Generator
10,000 Watt Diesel Generator
Multi Gas Meter
2 Darley Portable Pumps
2000 275 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2002 450 Gallon Forestry Skid Unit
2007 75 gallon Skid Unit with Pump/Reel
2006 Akron Hose Tester
2007 (2) Can Am 4x4 ATV
2007 Polaris Ranger 6x6
2007 315PSI Forestry Pump
2006 120GPM Forestry Pump
Phillips 12 Lead Cardiac Monitor
1998 Positive Pressure Fan
2008 Rescue Sled
3000 Watt Light Tower
Extractor
RAD 57
Remote Light
Lucvas Auto Pulse
Alaris Med System 3 IV Pump

Transfer Station

3 Hydraulic Compactors, 7 Containers
12' Snowpusher

TOWN OWNED
PROPERTY SCHEDULE
Assessed Values
As of December 31, 2015

Town Hall, Land and Building	$437,300
Town Office, Land and Building	275,300
Public Safety Building and Land	589,500
Roller Shed, Land and Building	31,500
Library, Land and Buildings	404,200
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	201,600
Transfer/Recycling Facility, Land and Buildings	110,200
Parks, Commons, Playgrounds and Beaches	570,500
Schools, Land and Building	2,497,600
Conservation Commission	617,200
Trout Pond Town Forest	2,737,400
All Land Acquired Through Tax Collectors Deeds	603,600
All Other Property	
Fox Run Lot	96,600
Backland off Cushing Corner Road	
Abuts Morrow/Hayes – Owners Uncertain	34,700
Abuts Danforth Pond/Ossipee Lake Road	50,500
	$9,257,700

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY

Liability at Beginning of Year	1,785,590
Assessment for Current Year	3,213,548
Total Liability with in Current Year	4,999,138
Payments made to School District	3,509,590
Liability at End of Year	1,489,548
Total	4,999,138

DEBT – AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Purpose **Public Safety Building**

2015 Installment $75,000
Interest Rate 3.0
Date of Final Payment 08/15/21
Bonds o/s at beginning of year 515,000
Bonds issued this year 0
Bonds Retired this year.....0
Bonds o/s at end of year.....440,000

Annual requirements to amortize all general obligation
(debt as of 12/31/15)

Year	Principal	Rate	Interest	Total
2016	75,000	4%	14,700	89,700
2017	75,000	3%	11,700	86,700
2018	75,000	4%	9,450	84,450
2019	75,000	3%	6,450	81,450
2020	70,000	3%	4,200	74,200
2021	70,000	3%	2,100	72,100
Total	**440,000**		**48,600**	**488,600**

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

TOWN OF FREEDOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

(January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015)

Report of Revenue Received

2458	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$285,524.99
161	Dog Licenses	825.50
63	Vital Copies	760.00
10	Marriage Licenses	470.00
	Facilities Permits	620.00
	Statewide Checklist Copies	325.00
	Postage	16.00
	Pole Line Easements	10.00
	State - UCC filings	120.00
	Dog Fines	263.00
	TOTAL:	**$288,934.49**

Respectfully submitted,

A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

DEBITS	2015	2014	2013
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		361,271.24	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes		0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes		603.75	0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		0.00	0.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance	(0.00)		
This Year's New Credits	(2,651.76)		
Tax Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	5,987,434.00	0.00	
Land Use Changes	0.00	0.00	
Timber Yield Taxes	12,425.50	0.00	
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	
Overpayment:			
Credits Refunded	18,871.76	4,015.00	
Interest – Late Tax	3,486.64	18,539.29	0.00
TOTAL DEBTS	**$6,019,566.14**	**$384,429.28**	**$0.00**

CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes	5,703,782.84	225,635.52	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	10,271.77	603.75	0.00
Interest & Penalties	3,486.64	18,539.29	0.00
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		0.00	0.00
Converted to Liens (principal only)	0.00	135,635.72	0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	0.00		
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	1,880.00	4,015.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00		
Timber Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	
Current Levy Deeded	0.00		
Uncollected Revenue End of Year:			
Property Taxes	304,277.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Tax Yield	2,153.75	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax	0.00	0.00	.0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(6,285.84)	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$6,019,566.14**	**$384,429.28**	**$0.00**

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Babb
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/ TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

	Levies of:		
DEBITS	**2014**	**2013**	**2012**
Unredeemed Liens			
Beginning of Fiscal Year	**0**	**$95,384.84**	**$48,942.95**
Liens Executed During FY	**$147,150.57**		
Interest and Costs Collected	**4,123.63**	**9,586.27**	**19,784.30**
TOTAL LIEN DEBTS	**$151,274.20**	**$104,971.11**	**$68,727.25**
CREDITS			
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$57,605.81	$27,979.41	$46,715.63
Interest & Costs Collected	4,123.63	9,586.27	19,784.30
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	60.40	0.00	75.31
Liens Deeded to Municipality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	89,484.36	67,405.43	2,152.01
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	**$151,274.20**	**$104,971.11**	**$68,727.25**

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 2012

Jewer 75.31

Fiscal Year Ending 2014

Bickford 61.00
Castriotta 2,710.00
Colella 1,047.00
LaBlue 61.00

Fiscal Year Ending 2015

Kiernan 198.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2015

REVENUE BY DEPARTMENT:

Tax Collector	$6,116,600
Town Clerk	309,983
Selectmen	327,468
Building Inspector	22,001
Boat Tax	6,976
Interest Income	1,707
TOTAL CASH ON HAND 12-31-15	**$2,483,369**

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Clemons-Keith
Town Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2015 was not available at the time of printing, and therefore is not included in this Annual Report.

The auditors, Vachon Culkay and Company PC of Manchester, NH will file the Financial Report and an Audit report when their work is complete. A copy of this Audit report will be available at the Town Office upon completion.

TOWN EMPLOYEES

Police	Joseph Duchesne	11,401
	Jonathan Evans	37,656
	Robert King	856
	James Mullen	1,648
	Anthony Sacco	546
	Josh Shackford	67,513
	Matt Tyler	70,475
	Wayne Valley	3,583
Highway	Devin Bolduc	1,496
	Lance Bolduc	44,153
	Scott Brooks, Sr	40,846
	Michael D'Andrea	11,223
	Ernest Day Sr.	5,791
	Charles Gibbs	2,864
	Robert Libby Jr	630
	James MacDonald	29,477
	Glenn Mason	8,721
	Robert Smith	52,841
Transfer Station	Justin Brooks	40,992
	George Stone	11,277
Building Inspector	Robert Babine	10,717
	Robert Boyd	940
Zoning Officer	Edward Hatfield	4,433
Office	Holly Brooks	4,634
	Linda Farinella	24,443
	Karen Hatch	53,125
	Janice Zecher	10,110
	Amanda Feuerborn	969
Facilities Custodian	Mark McKinley	8,436
Planning/ZBA/Conservation	Dianne Park	1,411

Fire Department	Joseph Brabant	15,723
	Justin Brooks	12,360
	Robert Cunio	21,408
	Graham Prather	533
Health Officer	Frank Evitts	79
Welfare Officer	Tracy Hayes	1,978
Cemetery	George Beowe, Jr.	1,891

STIPENDS

Fire/Rescue	Tyler Belanger	$3,721
	George Boewe	41
	Joe Brabant	178
	Sam Conger	2,509
	Rob Cunio	7,365
	Mike Eldridge, Jr	4,085
	Caitlin Gillenwater	2,291
	Charlie Hatfield	104
	Michael LaPrade	1,010
	Timothy Roberts	1,164
	Hannah Sargent	363
	Eric Seamans	4,120
	Jeffrey Tavares	41
	Laurel Tessier	1,996
	Kevin Wells	1,218

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Officers	Salary	Fees	Expenses	Total
Selectmen				
Neal Boyle	5,000			5,000
Leslie Babb	5,000	71		5,071
Ernest Day Jr	5,000	52		5,052
Town Clerk				
A. Elizabeth Priebe	31,616	2,577	1,593	35,786
Deputy Town Clerk				
Sue Brown	3,806	232		4,038
Treasurer				
Pamela Clemons-Keith	3,000	677		3,677
Deputy Tax Collector				
Tammy Nason	834	96		930
Nancy Griffin	24			24
Supervisors of Checklist				
Daniel Brooks	226			226
Patricia McCoy	282			282
Carol Stansell	256			256
Moderator				
Donald Johnson	199			199
Trustee of Trust Funds				
Patricia McCoy	50			50
Kimberly Reis	50			50
Paul Olzerowicz	50		236	286

VENDORS
MAJOR SERVICE SUPPLIERS

AJ Foss (HD 831
All State Asphalt, Inc (HD) 64,123
Ambrose Bros, Inc (CC) 10,000
Analytical Group, Inc (PB) 2,028
Andrews Auto Body Inc (FD) 1,306
Arc Tech LLC (FD) 10,939
Arrow International Inc (FD) 1,799
Atlantic Recycling Equipment LLC (TS) 3,145
AW Direct (HD) 740
Barton's Motorsport, LLC (FD) 962
BB Chain (HD) 1,251
Ben's Uniforms (FD&PD) 2,144
Bergeron Protective Clothing (FD) 2,610
Bluetarp Financial Inc (HD) 1,555
Bob Bryant's Wrecker Service (HD) 675
GW Brooks & Sons Inc. (HD) 106,360
Brooks Sr. Scott (HD) 43,707
Business Management Systems Inc. (GG) 2,241
Carroll County Registry of Deeds (GG) 1,286
Care Plus Ambulance (GG) 37,250
Coppola & Company (GG) 4,320
Central Paper Products (GG) 610
Cintas Fire Protection (FD) 1,149
Coleman Rental & Supply Inc. (HD) 2,410
Culteral Chemistry, LLC (GG) 2,345
AJ Coleman & Son Inc. (HD) 1,893
Conway Daily Sun (GG) 1,878
Crossway Repair (HD FD) 3,280
Diamond Ledge Electronics (HD FD) 865
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC (GG) 9,346
East Point Laser (HD) 2,620
Econo Signs LLC (HD, Mark) 611
Elliot Enterprises Inc. (FD) 1,415
Emergency Medical Products Inc. (FD) 2,065

Eversource (GG) 24,295
F. Michael McVey Plumbing (GG) 583
Fairpoint Communications (GG) 6,434
First Responder Grants, LLC (FD) 999
Flag Shop of VT (GG) 601
Fongemie, Jeff (GG) 1,700
Foremost Promotions (FD) 734
FR Carroll, Inc (HD) 65,194
Freedom Landscaping (GG) 3,800
Gaftek LLC(HD) 2,670
GC/AAA Fence Co (FD) 13,320
Granite State Minerals Inc. (HD) 21,138
Green Mountain Conservation Group (GG) 3,000
Harleysville Life Insurance Co. (GG) 2,502
Healthtrust (GG) 234,455
HEB Engineers Inc (GG) 6,774
Henderson, Walter (GG) 833
Hubbard Consulting LLC (GG) 1,500
Hydrolic Hose and Assemblies (HD) 7,997
Indian Mound Hardware (HD FD) 890
Industrial Protection Services, LLC (FD) 540
Industrial Traffic Line Inc (HD) 5,631
Interware Development (TC) 2,429
JP Pest Services (GG) 770
BH Keith Associates (CC) 11,955
Labonville, Inc (HD) 546
Lakeside Security (GG) 2,133
Lakes Region Fire Apparatus Inc. (FD) 14,850
Lawson Products (HD) 1,208
Liberty International Trucks (FD) 2,155
Limerick Steeplejacks, Inc (GG) 3,565
Jesse E. Lyman Inc (GG) 87,784
MacDonald Motors (HD) 6,563
Maple Ridge Septic Service (GG) 2,282
SA McLean & Sons (HD) 1,327
Michie Corp (HD) 11,750
Milton Cat (HD) 10,645
Minuteman Press (GG) 3,160

Monzione, Paul (HD) 1,860
Morton Salt (HD) 15,348
NAE Automation & Electric (GG) 1,876
Nationwide Employee Benefits (GG) 3,390
NE Embroidery (FD/PD) 613
NE Lift Co (GG) 1,130
Neptune Uniforms & Equipment (PD) 1,704
New England Milfoil (FAISC) 9,266
New Pig (HD) 542
Nicom Coatings Corp (HD) 8,500
Stephan Nix Attorney at Law (GG) 2,343
North Coast Services LLC (TS) 3,080
Northern Tire and Alignment, Inc (PD) 2,404
Ossipee Aggregates (HD) 3,127
Ossipee Auto Parts (HD) 2,963
Ossipee Concerned Citizens (GG) 1,561
Ossipee Lake Dam Authority (GG) 5,826
Ossipee Mountain Electronics (FD HD) 1,201
Overhead Door Options (HD) 1,742
Owen Leasing Co, LLC (HD) 9,370
Painters by the Pond (GG) 750
Palmer Spring Co (HD) 1,184
Physio-Control, Inc (FD) 14,998
Pine Tree Engineering Inc. (TS) 1,850
Pine Tree Waste Inc (TS) 78,584
Pinnacle Public Finance (FD) 29,076
Pope Security Systems Inc (GG) 763
Porter Office Machines Corp (GG) 1,204
Power Plan (HD) 765
Primex (GG) 21,731
Remick, Lisa (PD) 500
Scrub Oak Scramblers Inc. (CC) 1,100
E.W. Sleeper (HD) 1,046
Schaeffers (HD) 2,738
Skehan Home Centerr (GG) 1,682
Smokey Zone, LLC (FD) 1,000
Staples (GG) 6,729
Team EJP (HD) 13,216

Time Warner Cable (GG)	3,245
Transportation Safety Apparel (HD)	882
Tritech Software Systems (PD)	1,710
UniFirst Corporation (HD)	6,886
United Site Services	600
United States Postal Service (GG)	5,092
Upton & Hatfield, LLP (PB)	1,159
Vachon Clukay & Company, PC (GG)	7,369
Verizon Wireless (FD/PD)	2,469
Viking Lives USA (HD)	2,000
WC Barrows (GG)	700
White Mountain Oil & Propane, Inc (GG)	4,260
Winter Equipment (HD)	13,329
RB Wood & Associates LLC (GG)	29,148
WSB Technologies (GG)	1,740

CC – Conservation Commission HD – Highway Department GG – General Government
FAISC – Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee FD – Fire Department
HS – Historical Society PD – Police Department TS – Transfer Station

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY
2015 Annual Report

The Freedom Public Library has had another busy and successful year. Our biggest change this year was the hiring of Assistant Librarian Caroline Nickerson who serves as head of circulation, volunteer coordinator and teen librarian. She came to us with quite a bit of experience in libraries and is working on her Master's in Library Science.

Patron visits and circulation numbers were very similar to 2014, with 13,661 library visits for an average of 1128 people through the doors each month. The library upgraded six of its computers and its wireless router for faster and more reliable connection. We added a texting interface as another way for patrons to communicate with us – and vice versa. Patrons with a valid library card are able to download audiobooks and eBooks free through the library. 2123 audios and books were downloaded this year, the same number as last year.

Patrons were able to borrow passes providing free or reduced admission to five area museums and attractions thanks to the Friends of the Library. We continue to provide access to a number of research databases provided by the NH State Library and purchase subscriptions to two genealogy databases, HeritageQuest and Ancestry Library Edition. Our public access computers and free Wi-Fi draw many to the library. Several community groups regularly use our space for meetings.

The Friends of the Library offered 5 programs for adults this year, some in conjunction with The Freedom Historical Society, and sponsored a field trip for the book club. The library also held three drop-in computer clinics and a series of Mah Jongg classes. Mah Jongg enthusiasts met twice weekly for games throughout the year. The 2015 Winter Film Series was more popular than ever before with median attendance of 32 people. This was our 10th annual film series and the 4th year that we offered a soup and bread supper following each movie.

The library's monthly pizza & movie nights continue to be a big draw. Again this year we provided activities for kids who come early from school with snacks paid for by a grant from the Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley. Other ongoing programs include weekly preschool storytimes,

monthly adult book club meetings and a year round children's book club. We are starting to add teen activities during the school year.

Starting this fall, every single class from Freedom Elementary began coming to the library monthly to borrow books and to be read to by the librarians. The preschool also came when the weather was warmer to attend our weekly preschool storytimes. We are so glad to see all the children here at the library.

Summer was busy as usual. We hosted three professional children's programs - one to kick off the Summer Reading Program and two during Old Home Week. Summer reading participation for children, teens and adults continued the upward trend and program participation was strong. The library offers 5 programs each week during the summer for children of all ages. We are proud to offer teen programming here in Freedom which is rare for a library and community of our size.

We have over fifty volunteers who help in small ways and large with special projects, programs and at the front desk. Without them, we would never be able to do what we do here. We also are very grateful for the support of the Friends of the Library which provides funding for the extras as well as programming and volunteer support that help make this library the treasure it is.

We stay in touch with the community through our e-newsletter, Facebook page, Teen Facebook page, website, and Freedom Column in the local newspapers. We encourage all Freedom residents – year round and seasonal – to get a library card and take advantage of all the resources available at our beautiful and welcoming library!

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Brooks, Chair
Paul Mathieu, Secretary
Laura Robinson, Treasurer
Tom Luke, Alternate

TOWN REPORT - 2015
FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Assets 1/1/2015	
Checking	$20,945.92
Money Market	$14,694.15
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Trustees Account	$19,272.95
Cayford Fund	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2015	**$80,930.63**
Receipts 2015	
Book Sales	$695.33
CD Interest	$212.11
Conscience Fund	$489.50
Fax & Copier	$784.58
Friends Donations	$8,677.96
Interest Income	$13.45
Unanticipated Gifts	$124.00
Other Income	$1,595.00
Town Appropriation	$77,450.00
Total Receipts 2015	**$90,041.93**
Total Assets + Receipts 2015	**$170,972.56**
Expenditures 2015	
Books	$10,001.20
Computer/Copier	$4,784.05
Dues & Conferences	$1,757.00
Electricity	$2,914.31
Grounds	$2,656.70
Heat	$2,712.72
Maintenance	$3,147.03
Other Expenses	$145.00
Periodicals	$447.63
Petty Cash	$50.00
Postage	$278.64
Programs	$4,126.70
Building Renovations	$357.51
Supplies	$1,499.09

TOWN REPORT - 2015
FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Taxes	$3,756.01
Telephone	$672.87
Wages	$49,098.97
Water	$525.00
Total Expenditures 2015	**$88,930.43**
Assets 12/31/2015	
Checking	$21,890.33
Money Market	$14,861.24
Centennial Fund	$25.00
Trustees Account	$19,272.95
Kidder Fund	
Cayford Fund	$6,698.00
Williams Fund	$19,294.61
Total Assets 12/31/2015	**$82,042.13**
Total Expenditures & Assets	**$170,972.56**
Memorial Funds Held	
Fritz Bequest (MM)	$2,367.99
Renovations Funds	
Kidder Funds (MM)	$7,569.36

FREEDOM FIRE & RESCUE

Another busy year has come and gone.

In 2015, Freedom fire-rescue responded to 309 calls for service. I would like to touch on a few of those calls.

The spring, after a long cold snowy winter, turned out to be hotter and dryer than normal. Prolonged, very high fire danger days increased forest fires across the state.

One was the Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. Freedom crews spent a week helping extinguish it. The cost of that fire was $180,000 and burned 275+ acres. Fortunately no one was hurt. The cause of the fire was determined to be an unattended campfire. The next fire, also in Ossipee, was in a campground and burned 7 acres, but also burned several campers and park model units. It was witnessed that a park model unit burns flat in less than 11 minutes. Freedom has campgrounds of this type. Memorial Day weekend had extreme fire conditions and a decision was made to suspend all open burning in the town of Freedom. Although not popular with some, having witnessed the Westward Shores Campground fire, it had to be done. Signs are now at the Public Safety Building and the Transfer station announcing the fire danger day. You can also get the fire danger day by calling the fire station or calling the State of NH Fire Weather at 1-866-643-4737, 7 days a week.

We received our Lucas automated CPR device in March. We have used the device multiple times in the past year. It has allowed for a dramatic improvement in providing lifesaving patient care in a timely manner. The reason for this is personnel are not required to perform CPR, the device is doing it. Personnel are now able to provide care in less time.

This year the department hired a grant consultant to assist with grants for certain equipment and trucks. Firefighter Kevin Wells has worked countless hours gathering information. He has completed and submitted a grant to the firefighter's assistance grant program for a new fire engine. Kevin has worked with the grant consultant to assure all the information has been provided and accurate. If received, the grant is a 70% federal

portion and a 30% town portion for the total cost of the engine which is $448,000. We will continue to pursue grants for purchases to ease the burden on the taxpayers of Freedom.

Fire permits are required from April 1st until there is significant snow cover. To obtain a permit, or if you have questions for the Fire-Rescue Department, please call 539-4261, or come by the station Monday through Friday 7 am to 3 pm.

I would like to thank all department heads and employees for their cooperation and support and look forward to working for you in the future. I would also like to thank the town's people for their continued support and look forward to their support for many years to come.

And finally, I would like to thank the men and women of this department with whom I work with on a daily basis. The town's people should be proud of these individuals who protect life and property on a daily basis and sacrifice time away from their families.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin S Brooks
Chief, Freedom Fire-Rescue

FIRE – RESCUE CALLS

Structure Fire	1
Chimney Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	4
Dumpster Fire	1
Stove Fires	1
Fire Alarms	16
CO Alarms	3
Smoke Investigations	3
Brush/woods Fire	4
Illegal Burn	7
Trees/wires Down	11
MVA with Injury	3
MVA with No Injury	10
Snowmobile/ATV Accident	3
Mutual Aid Fires	22
Ice/Water Rescue	1
Search for Person	1
Service Calls	12
Police Standby	4
Medical Aid	208
Transports	120
Non Transports	59
ALS Care	16
Member Transporting with Ambulance	24
Transports in Ambulance other than NCA	3
Medic Intercepts	4
No Medical Responders	12
Mutual Aid Rescue	2
No Responders Available	19
Daytime Calls 7a-7p	199
Nighttime Calls 7p-7a	110
Duty Crew	83
Calls to Eaton	18

309 CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR 2015

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com.The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This past fire season burned 661 acres which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and

flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	**Acres**	**# of Fires**
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	
Arson	7
Debris	17
Campfire	13
Children	3
Smoking	12
Railroad	0
Equipment	6
Lightning	5
Misc.*	71 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total	Fires	Total Acres
2015	134	661
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

POLICE REPORT

The Freedom Police Department had a good year in 2015. We always stay right around 3,000 calls for service. The biggest thing for me in such a small town is having knowledgeable, reliable officers who are available almost anytime. Sergeant Tyler and I are the only full-time officers on the Department. Full time means we get paid forty hours per week. I can assure you Sergeant Tyler and I are working well more than forty hours per week. I don't recall the last day I had off when I wasn't fielding a phone call or two from a citizen or another law enforcement officer or town official. Another issue that popped up in 2015 is the New Hampshire State Police is having staffing issues. What this means for the Freedom Police Department is we are getting called out a lot more in the middle of the night. I'm not complaining and nobody on my staff is either. I really feel quite lucky to have the Officers that I do especially in today's day and age where police morale nationwide is extremely low. In 2015 in particular, I had several people thank me for being a police officer and making statements like, "I don't know how you do it." Statements like that are really appreciated and the support my department receives from its citizens has been outstanding.

I would also like to thank my part-time officers as well. They have been critical in saving the Town money and have a great deal of experience. Corporal Jon Evans puts in many hours of work that are not compensated and works very hard. Corporal Evans is also our Animal Control Officer and has done an outstanding job with that. Officer Duchesne is the full-time Lt. for the Town of Ossipee and he will probably be the next Chief there. It is a great feeling when he is working for Freedom because I certainly do not have to worry about anything. Officer Wayne Valley is another full-time Ossipee Officer that works for Freedom part-time. Officer Valley is a very hard worker and I wish I could give him more hours. Officer Valley has expressed to me on a few occasions how much he loves working here. I also have to give a big thanks to Bob King and Ted Colby. Both are very experienced police officers and Officer King handles all of our prosecution and Ted has been extremely helpful with our computer system.

This year I am requesting a new police cruiser. The oldest one that we currently have has just over 100,000 miles and I think we might be able to get at least another year out of it. I plan on keeping this car in service for the part-time officers to use until it gets too costly to repair. The new cruiser is a Ford Police Interceptor that is purchased through a state bid.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Josh L. Shackford

TRANSFER STATION

I know people get frustrated when the recycle can gets full. I also share in that frustration. It is a tough call sometimes as to when to have it removed and it is not cost effective to ship half full cans. As most of you know, we are a seasonal community, so the transfer station has a lot of variables that come with that, i.e. weather, holidays, economics.

A second compactor for recycling has been explored. We are in the last year of a favorable contract with Pinetree Waste, and with the collapse of the recycling markets, look for the downward trend to continue. An investment of a compactor is not economically feasible at this time. At no time did I say I would like to do away with recycling. You see, I have to be the voice of Mother Earth and the tax payers that do not have a vote at town meeting. I will continue to look at ways to keep our environmental and fiscal impact as low as possible.

Site Improvement

A new fence and higher gates were installed at the transfer station this past spring. Not only does it look nice, but it also helps protect the town's investments. You see, this past winter, a fire erupted in one of our compactors. Someone had climbed over the gates and disposed of live wood ashes into the hopper. Luckily for a snow storm, I came in early to plow and spotted it. With help from our fire department, the fire was extinguished quickly and with no damage to the compactor. This is the third such fire we have had due to improper disposal of wood ashes. Please ask where they should go before dumping.

I would like to thank R.A. Oram. He volunteers many hours overseeing our hazardous waste day, making it a huge success for the town of Freedom.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin S. Brooks

PLANNING BOARD SUBMISSION
Annual Report 2015

The Planning Board kept busy in 2015. We had three applications. We approved a two lot subdivision for a family trust in the rural residential district. The board acted on a site plan review for Camp Cody again this year—for additional cabins to reduce crowding in existing cabins. As a result of a suggestion by the selectmen's representative Les Babb, the Camp Cody managers agreed to add retention trenches along the sides of the cabins to capture additional runoff from cabins and keep it from running into the lake.

We are now working on an elderly housing subdivision proposed by Sherwood Forest LLC under Article 902 of the Freedom zoning ordinance. The intent of this article is to allow denser development to attract elderly housing to help seniors stay in Freedom when they no longer can remain in their homes. The proposal is for a condominium development of 18 single family homes on a ten-acre site. While this may seem dense, the application meets the requirements of Article 902 (zoning ordinance pages 44-46). The application is going through subdivision regulations that consider how the development of the site will work. The minutes of meetings recording the board's discussions of these three applications—as well as all other topics the board considers—are on the town web site at http://townoffreedom.net/freedom-planning-board/ Scroll down to see the minutes.

We have also spent time planning. The board is working on an update to the master plan, which is mandated by the state. Its purpose is to "set down as clearly and practically as possible the best and most appropriate future development of [Freedom], to aid the board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire, and to guide the board in the performance of its other duties…" (NH RSA 674:2)

The board conducted a survey of the community asking Freedom property owners and residents their views of Freedom's future. We received over 1000 responses! Thank you for taking the time to give us your views. The board received data that filled 310 pages and has been working to digest what the data say. We have a short version that provides answers to the survey questions and a longer version that shows significant differences between sub groups—seasonal and year round residents; those living on the water, with deeded access, and with no water access; and distance from the village (in/within a mile of the village and greater than a mile). As you would expect, the

sub groups have different views. The board is working to understand these differences and will use the data to create a vision of Freedom's future that will inform the master plan. The top level and detailed reports are on the website at http://townoffreedom.net/freedom-master-plan/ Again, please scroll down to see these reports. This summer—when we have the opportunity to reach both summer and year round residents—the planning board will present the results. Please attend!!!

Lastly, I would like to thank the board members who worked so diligently this year: Peter Park, Vice Chair, Paul Elie, Bill Elliott, Jean Marshall, Maynard Thomson, and Les Babb, Selectmen's representative. I also thank the planning board alternate Pam Keith and selectmen's alternate Ernie Day as well as Dianne Park, our recording secretary who makes great sense out of complex conversations. Although she has left for a new position in Madison, my thanks go to Linda Farinella, for her support and to Janice Zecher, who has taken her place to provide great support.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Cunningham
Chair

ZONING OFFICER

One topic which often raises its head in zoning matters is erosion. In the Freedom Zoning Ordinance, the pages dealing with the Shore Front District attempt to limit erosion. The clarity of our surface waters strongly influences the enjoyment and economic value of our properties. What can zoning do to reduce erosion and what can we do as individuals?

In general, the ordinance requires leaving trees and brush or grass in place within 75 ft of the high water for all lakes and ponds over 10 acres and the Ossipee River. One 6 ft wide path is allowed for access each 100 ft of frontage. Some cutting is allowed when sufficient cover remains. Dead, unhealthy, or dangerous trees can be removed. In all cases, permits are required. See the zoning ordinance or Zoning Officer for details.

In situations where construction or any kind of land disturbance will take place, short and long term erosion control measures must be put in place. Appropriate practices are discussed at application time. References are available at the Town office or from the Zoning Officer, the DES, UNH Extension Service, local landscapers, or try the internet.

Shore front property owners, in particular, can take ownership of erosion control by reducing or eliminating runoff on their properties. This can mean using a dripline infiltration trench, infiltration steps, a rain barrel or any of several means as illustrated and explained in "New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management", WD-11-11, DES. A "Homeowners Guide to Protecting Water Quality " is available from the Green Mountain Conservation Group or at the Town office.

Why reduce and prevent erosion? Sediment, fertilizer, pesticides ,herbicides, other chemicals, all smother or contaminate fish, invertebrates, plants, and microorganisms. When these die in large numbers, significant amounts of oxygen are taken out of the water. These processes and trash, failing septic systems, household chemicals, and boat or vehicle oil & gas all contaminate. This lowers water quality, property values, and enjoyment of the lake.

Hopefully we will all do our part to keep our surface waters clean.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ned Hatfield
Zoning Officer

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 20 applications in 2015; 14 of those were requests for dimensional variances (requests to build new structures or additions which are located at least in part in the side, front, or rear setbacks). All requests for dimensional variances were granted. The variance was granted. The Board also heard one application for an appeal from administrative decision, the board grated the appeal. The Board also;

- Granted a special exception to allow Camp Cody to construct four cabins and install a conduit in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Buhrer to cut trees and rebuild a home in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. & Ms. Harris Jr. to cut trees and construct a home in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception approving Mr. & Ms. Tentindo erosion control plan which is located in the Shore Front District.
- Granted a special exception to allow Mr. Galloway to replace an existing retaining wall in the Shore Front District.

Special exceptions are uses that must meet criteria outlined in the zoning code. One application was withdrawn from the board.

The Board would like to hear from citizens or anyone who may be interested in serving on the board. Please contact a Board member or one of the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lees Chairman

2015 BUILDING CODE REPORT

Building was off to a slow start this year but came back full force in May, surpassing last year's permits.

Last year was a tough year for the building trade with the cold and snow starting early and lasting late into the spring. This made for a very busy summer for the contractors.

As of October 1st this year, building permits exceeded that of the entire year last year which was 138 for the year to 140 this year. Fees are up $18,079.05 this year over $13,614.55 last year. The value of construction is up from $3,207,700.00 last year to $5,181,150.00. Housing starts were up 16 houses over last year's 9 houses.

I hope this is an indication of greater things to come.

This is year seven as your Building Inspector and as always, it has been a pleasure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Babine
Building Code Officer

FREEDOM CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FCC)

Freedom Conservation Commission Meets monthly to look over applications from various projects from residential to commercial and municipal. Some may be (Intent to cut, timber harvesting, ZBA, FAC, Planning Board, Shoreline and Wetlands Bureau applications)

Policy, Documents and Forms:

- Review and update all FCC policy, procedures, maps and forms
- Compile accurate public land holdings to include:
- Location, property size, % of total Town land, public land holdings comparisons with other communities, boat ramps, beaches, and waterways.
- Re-design and simplify FCC work requests forms and mandate FCC review and approval prior to any work with potential environmental impact including septic.

Enforcement:

- Establish enforcement policy for infractions of FCC regulations and coordinate with other Town Boards as necessary
- Develop onsite inspection procedure for work requests
- Mandate written approval by FCC of all work requests

Education:

- Conduct presentations to educate local residents, including seasonal residents regarding FCC ongoing initiatives
- Conduct tours of Town Forest
- Maintain updated pamphlets and maps at kiosks

Financials:

- Review all FCC accounts, invoices, grants, and statements as needed
- Put any work out to bid per Town guidelines

Training:

- Conduct required training as required and/ or available
- Invite quest speakers to FCC meetings, and invite public

Respectfully submitted by the Freedom Conservation Board
Michael Gaudette (chairman), Rob Hatch (member and FAC Chairman), Bill Elliott, Alice Custard, John Roman, Paul Elie, Sue Hoople (alternate), Greg Bossart (alternate).

We would like to thank our **great** recording staff, Dianne Park, Janice Zecher, Linda Farinella and Karen Hatch, for all their help with our paperwork and helping put complete our tasks.

FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town Forest has arrived at it's tenth anniversary.

Our largest undertaking this year has been the required 10 year update and revision of the Stewardship Plan, and completion of our own Wildlife Habitat Plan. Both are in their final stages, with an opportunity for public input soon to be announced.

Over the past ten years, we have moved to transform an abused property into a sustainable forest, with the promise of forest regeneration; the promotion of wildlife, and it's habitat; and managed the property with a mind for recreational enjoyment, with a marked and maintained network of trails.

To summarize the state of our Town Forest, I'll quote Steve Walker of DRED (Department of Resources and Economic Development) after our 10th annual Easement Monitoring and Inspection Report.

"A lot of work on the part of many people has gone into turning the property into a land conservation showpiece".

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Hatch, Chairman

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE (FAISC)

New Hampshire attracts visitors – both domestic and international – from many areas and our lakes and streams are a key attraction. Invasive species are becoming a significant challenge throughout the country and we have not escaped this serious threat to our environment and our economy. Here on the Ossipee lake system, we are currently focused on variable milfoil – an aquatic invasive plant that is remarkably adaptable. Left unchecked this nonnative species will spread dramatically as it has no native plant that it competes with. Complete eradication is all but impossible so our work deals with minimizing current infestations through active management and employing preventative measures to reduce the risk of new infestations.

Unfortunately, other invasive species are knocking on our doorstep (e.g. in the southern part of New Hampshire there are several water bodies with Asian Clams – a species with no effective mitigation practice) so we must remain vigilant. This is our second full year as a separate committee as previously we operated as a subcommittee of the conservation commission. The focus of this group remains the control of aquatic invasive species in our water bodies.

Human activity is believed to be the primary mechanism for the spreading of variable milfoil. Therefore, educating all of our water body users is essential to our work. In order to take a more proactive approach to the problem of invasive species, we again applied for and received a Lake Host grant, from New Hampshire Lakes Association, that allowed us to conduct boat inspections and provide education to visitors of Lake Ossipee and its bays. In addition, we received a very generous donation from Gerard Costantino which allowed for expanded coverage of the boat ramp (going from 2 to 4 days a week). Through the support of Kevin Price, owner of Ossipee Lake Marina, and his general manager Tim Kupka, we were able to conduct 963 boat inspections last summer at this location! We would like to especially thank Nancy Johnson who was our paid Lake Host for 2015.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our FAISC efforts is being on the lakes and ponds as we:

- Conduct surveys to look for new infestations and to characterize existing milfoil sites.
- Work with contractors as we help them to prioritize the work and ensure local support.
- Respond to calls from citizens who may have identified an invasive species.

We continue to work closely with the milfoil groups of Effingham and Ossipee to communicate what we are doing as well as to learn from their progress. Since several infestations now cross town boundaries, coordination is critical.

Once again in 2015 we took a dual path approach to milfoil control:

- Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) - services provided by New England Milfoil
- Herbicide treatment - services provided by Aquatic Control Technologies

DASH efforts began in the June timeframe and continued through October as we worked a number of areas in Middle Danforth, the channel to Upper Danforth, Upper Danforth (a.k.a. Huckins Pond), the Ossipee River and near the Ossipee Lake Marina. A total of 11 days of work was completed.

In June we did a herbicide treatment that included 12 acres of Middle Danforth and Upper Danforth (Huckins Pond).

Feedback from lake abutters has been positive towards all of this work. A number of residents are again able to use their swimming areas due to the significant reduction of variable milfoil.

We were fortunate to receive NHDES grants again this year to supplement out local funding sources, although the state match this year was only 25% of spend. As a result, voters of Freedom increased town spending for 2015.

Total spending is summarized as follows:

- $6,500. Town budget
- $1,500. Milfoil Trust Fund (approved at town meeting)
- $10,722.62 Milfoil gift account spend (citizens and businesses)
- $482.19 Admin.
- Total Spend = $19,204.81

Given the depletion of the gift account, we made a concerted effort to replenish those funds though a letter appeal to citizens. We are happy to report that we raised over $7,000. from a number of supporters (which will be available for the 2016 season). Thank you very much!!

FAISC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Gerard Costantino, Bill Elliott, Bruce Howlett, Ned Kucera (Co-chair), and Jim McElroy (Chair).

TECHNICAL/ADMIN. SUPPORT

We thank the town administrative staff, Karen Hatch, Linda Farinella, Janice Zecher and Dianne Park who support us with timely and accurate schedules, meeting notes and postings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim McElroy, Chairman FAISC

2016 FAISC MEETING DATES

January 14
February – No meeting
March 10
April – No meeting
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10

December – No meeting

HERITAGE COMMISSION OF FREEDOM, NH

Annual Report for the year 2015 (12/14/15)

This Commission was established at the March 2009 Town Meeting for the purpose of researching and recording the history of buildings and land features in the Town of Freedom, NH, offering education to the public and responding to the Town's Board and private organizations and individuals on their questions regarding these matters.

The seven members and five alternates meet five times a year to report, plan and transact formal business of the Commission. Agenda and approved meeting minutes are available on the Town Web Site and in printed form at the Town Office. The public is always welcome at these meetings and to participate in the activities.

The real work is done by members, associates and friends outside of the meetings. We have a list of projects that will take years to accomplish. During 2015 our efforts were focused on:

- We arranged for purchase and placement of bronze plaques designating State Historical status of Town Hall (approved in 2014), Town Office (approved in 2011), and the Masonic Lodge (approved in 2013).

- Inventories of sites are available digitally through the Freedom Historical Society. The Commission will continue to work with Town Administration on a procedure to have research information available to all on the internet.

- The Commission was available as a resource in the research for and application of the Village Store to be placed on the State Registry of Historical Places as it was being worked on by a college student intern as a class project. Results are expected in 2016. The Commission will participate in plans to modify/ remove existing buildings.

- On the first Sunday afternoon of OHW Alan Fall and Gale Morris presented a visual history of original town resident, David Burbank who migrated to California and originated a town

using his name. This presentation was the first in a new venture to present "Less Told Stories of Freedom".

- In cooperation with the Historical Society our members Carol Foord and Alan Fall conducted a very successful walking tour of Elm St. from the school to the Town Square during OHW.
  * The death of Carol on 12/25/15 is a substantial loss to the Freedom community and this Commission

Members and alternates contributed 1,220 hours to the accomplishment of Commission business in 2015.

Sincerely,

Alan Fall - Chairperson
Gale Morris - Vice-Chairperson
Bob Smart - Secretary/Treasurer
Bonnie Burroughs, Member
Scott Cunningham, Member
Peg Scully, Member

Ernie Day Jr. – Member and SB Rep.
*Carol Foord, Alternate
Lee Fritz, Alternate
Raymond Dahlstrom, Alternate
(open), Alternate
(open), Alternate

ROAD AGENT REPORT

2015 NOTES:

- Cold, Snowy, Icy January, February, and March. With February Being The Snowiest Month.
- Posted Weight Limit Signs 3/10/15 – 4/1/15
- Snow in Crawford Notch 2" to 3" 4/25/15
- Snow Equipment Cleaned and Painted 4/17/15
- Rain Causing Small Brook To Go Over Their Banks 4/21/15
- Street Signs Repaired 5/8/15
- Thunder Storm 5/10/15
- Pulled Out Beaver Dam on Black Brook Before Heavy Rain 9/29/15
- Tree Across Moulton Rd (NHDOT Portion) Freedom Highway Dept. Removed to Open Roadway 9/30/15
- High Winds, Tree Down Across Scarboro Rd 10/9/15
- Rain and Wind Tree Down Across Youngs Hill Rd 10/29/15

IMPROVEMENTS:

- Trees and Bush Clearing - Bennett Rd, West Bay Rd, Ossipee Lake Village
- Street and Traffic Signs Updated
- Yellow Center Line and White Edge Line – Ossipee Lake, Bennett, Shawtown, Huckins, and Moulton Roads
- Crack Sealing – Kidder Drive, Nason, Bennett and Ossipee Lake Roads
- Road Side Mowing On All Town Roads
- Graveling – Durgin Hill Rd and Haverhill St
- Shoulder Restoration – Ossipee Lake, Bennett, Youngs Hill and Durgin Hill Roads
- Chip Seal – Rice Hill Rd
- Resurfacing – Youngs Hill Rd
- Newly Paved Apron – Durgin Hill Rd

NEW OR REPLACEMENT CULVERTS:

- Durgin Hill 12 Precast Concrete Headwalls, 820 Feet of Culvert Replaced
- Haverhill Street Replaced

EQUIPMENT REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE: Highway Crew

- Sweeper Gear Box
- Snow Plows and Wings
- Plow Pump, Headlights
- Head Board on Super P Sander
- Replaced Batteries IH-AWD

NEW EQUIPMENT:

- Spectra GL612 Laser
- Tri Pod and Grade Rod

EQUIPMENT RENTALS:

- 315 Excavator
- Reverse Plate Compactor
- Boom Mower
- D5M Dozer
- 321 Excavator
- ScreenAll

EUIPMENT BORROWED:

- 7 Ton Tag Along Trailer
- 20 Ton Tag Along Trailer
- TH63 Telehandler

NEW FABRICATIONS:

- Repaired Frame on Sweeper
- Dump Body Repair F550

BUILDING MAINTENANCE:

- Retorque Metal Roof Screws (Highway Garage)

I am still enjoying the many challenges as your road agent. Challenge stirs up a lot of feeling when it is looking tough, and you have to crank it up and get aggressive and not being afraid to do anything.

Myself and my highway crew like the challenge of fixing something that is broken, taking on the needs for improvements for safety, not ever afraid to go and do something that may be a little bit new.

We are prepared for even the toughest worksite challenge and committed to building productivity. It takes a lot to get the job done right. Our flexibility, attention to detail, and willingness to give our all to what it takes to complete all tasks successfully and safely is our rewards.

A lot of people think that what we do is all the same. But all the projects and events are so different in the process and challenges in themselves.

My highway crew are excellent equipment operators who are so versatile and are able to do what is needed. Quality workers should not be overlooked. I take this opportunity at this time, to thank each one of my highway crew for their attention to detail, all their talents, and how well we all mesh putting Freedom's roads and properties where we are today. A sincere thank you, I am so proud of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott N. Brooks Sr.

Road Agent

FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK

This year was the 117th celebration of Freedom Old Home Week, from Friday evening July 31, through Sunday, August 9. The theme for 2015 was "Freedom Town Forest…Celebrating 10 Years" to honor the Town Forest's tenth anniversary. To encourage residents and visitors to get into the woods the week featured a Town Forest interpretive guide on a horsedrawn wagon as well as hikes to Mary's Mountain and Trout Pond. The tee shirt design was a creation by Freedom's celebrated resident artist Peg Scully that captured a serene woodland scene. The same design was also featured on Freedom's collectible tile.

Rubber Ducky Day, held the last Saturday in June, was our big event to raise money for all of the Old Home Week activities. Merchandise displaying our theme was first made available for sale on Ducky Day. The day was filled with fun activities and happenings all over town, at the library, church and store, to augment the party. The ever popular hay wagon rides and rides on Freedom's vintage fire truck were packed all day. The Mason's cooked up food for all to enjoy while waiting for the ducks to start racing over the falls. And for the children we had fun games and prizes while waiting for the big race. Of course, Mr. Ducky came back to town for the event and is now part of a lot of selfies! Ticket sales were brisk up until race time; over 1,100 tickets were sold for the race. During the race, the bridge was packed with spectators cheering on their ducks.

Old Home Week brought picture perfect weather to Freedom and all activities were held without any weather delay. The lawn party kicked off the week with Codfish Aristocracy again providing the background musical entertainment. The crowd was entertained with all sorts of food choices and the opportunity to meet up with new and old friends. And everyone got to congratulate the Grand Marshall for the parade, Mary Hockmeyer, as she presided over the party on her own lawn.

Of course everyone came out for the parade as the route was packed with people listening to all of their favorite returning bands and cheering on family floats, summer camp groups, including the Church's music camp, antique cars, and fire equipment from Freedom and area towns. A featured parade entry this year was Smokey the Bear! It was great to see him come out to help celebrate our beloved Town Forest.

The rest of the week continued with all of our popular events including the cardboard boat race, paint night, historical walks, a mountain hike, water and land sports, ping pong, canoe/kayak regatta, ice cream social, road race, tennis tournament and talent show. Even the ice cream social featured a returning band, the Cedar Mountain Boys, bringing us great bluegrass music. Record crowds were at several of our events this year including the ice cream social, talent show, and road race.

New this year was the re-naming of the cardboard boat race in honor of Emery Stokes; Emery and Ellie Stokes brought the concept of the race to Freedom. The race is now known as the Annual Emery Stokes Memorial Cardboard Boat Race.

We would like to thank all of the alliances that are in place throughout the community for their support of Old Home Week by presenting all the events that are not run by the Old Home Week Committee. Notably, the Freedom Library and Friends of the Library for their many popular programs, book and bake sales and raffle; the First Christian Church for their welcome home breakfast and music camp performance as well as the blessing of the animals and quilt, bike and bake sales, luncheon at the craft fair, and closing Church service ; the Masons for providing and serving ice cream at the social; the Old White Meeting House Association for their fair and luncheon after the parade; Freedom Village Condos for their support of the cardboard boat races and the Freedom Eagles PTA for serving food and ice cream at those races; the Freedom Village Store for selling Old Home Week merchandise and for providing a breakfast event on parade day; the Freedom Conservation Commission and Forest Advisory Committee for hike and tour leaders; the Ossipee Lake Alliance for providing a noted evening speaker; Freedom's Historical Society for their open house and for their historical walk working with the Freedom Heritage Commission; the Ossipee Lake Beach Club for use of their facilities for the regatta; Freedom Eagles PTA for running the bingo event; Freedom Community Club for running the craft fair; NH Fish & Game for supporting the fishing skills event; and the Freedom Fire Department for providing the lobster supper. And thank you to the staff and counselors at Camp Huckins and Camp Calumet for running, respectively, the water and land sports events.

We would like to thank the Town of Freedom for their financial support

and all the local sponsors who support our programs. Notably, we would like to thank those local businesses that financially support the 5K road race event; James C. Farinella Building & Remodeling, Gerard Constantino Real Estate, Paul Wheeler of RE/MAX Presidential Real Estate, and Michael Gaudette of Brookside Building Services. And thanks to all the Old Home Week committee members, all the many event volunteers, land owners and automobile owners, police and fire departments, town officials and Freedom's residents and visitors who made this event a success, fun for all ages, while preserving Freedom's history of the spirit of an Old Home Week celebration.

Watch our website, freedomoldhomeweek.org, and our Facebook page, Freedom Old Home Week, for 2016's activities. Rubber Ducky Day is scheduled for June 25, 2016 and Old Home Week will run from July 29 through August 7 in 2016. Parade day will be July 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Stoddard, Chairperson, Old Home Week Committee 2015

Old Home Week Committee Members and Event Leaders:
Bill Elliott (Vice Chair), Susan Marks (Vice Chair), Sylvia Carney (Secretary), Janet Meyers (Treasurer), Wendy Barrett-Manhard, Neal Boyle, Sharon Boggess, Gail Bizer, Howie Bouve, Cindy Clancy, Maureen Elliott, Bonnie and Paul Elie, Alan Fall, Carol Foord, Lee Fritz, Michael Gaudette, Nancy Griffin, Rob Hatch, Arlene Knight, John Krebs, Wendell and Terry Packard, Nikki Pare, Alice Peterson, Helen Cheese-Probert, Kim Reis, Elizabeth Rhymer, Judy Robertson, Art and Barbara Robinson, Marcia Santner, John Shipman, Bob Smart, Dan Spear, Ellie Stokes, Brian Taylor, Kelly Taylor, Paul Tung, and Pastor Larry Wogman.

OSSIPEE LAKE DAM AUTHORITY REPORT

The following is a report of the expense of the Dam Authority for the year 2015. Figures for the split between the two towns are based on the assessed equalized value of the two towns. These figures are furnished by the State of New Hampshire, D.R.A.

Sum Required By DES	**$30,000.00**
Expenditures:	**$14,357.46**

Equalization Assessment Value

Ossipee	**637,943,070.00**	**56.9% of $14,357.46 = $8,169.40**
Freedom	**482,285,425.00**	**43.1% of $14,357.46 = $6,188.06**

These figures are revised each and every year, in order to bring the deficit of the past year up to $30,000.00, the beginning balance of the coming year.

The following is a report of expenses for the Dam Authority for the year 2015.

Postmaster	**$50.00**
Fairpoint	**503.43**
PSNH	**201.03**
John Picard/Chairman (salary)	**5,000.00**
John Clausen/Tres./Sec. (salary)	**500.00**
Snow Removal	**610.00**
DES Bearcamp Gauge	**7,493.00**
Expense	**$14,357.46**

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Clausen
Secretary, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2015

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	COMMON TRUST:										
1919	Nancy Skillings	Cem P/C	MM	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1919	Nancy Burns	All	All	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1922	Lord & Fowler			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1922	Eliza A Alley			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1924	Ina E Foss			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1924	Metcalf & Cushing			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1924	M C & Stephen Allard			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.31	0.31	0.00	150.00
1924	Edward H Nason			210.00	0.00	0.00	210.00	0.44	0.44	0.00	210.00
1925	A R & Lilla Bennett			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1927	F W Towle			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.05	1.05	0.00	500.00
1927	Parsons Yard			700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	1.47	1.47	0.00	700.00
1927	J C Libby & V H Connors Lots			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.05	1.05	0.00	500.00
1928	John W Smith			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1928	Jennie Meserve			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1932	James Wood			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1935	George W Chase			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1937	Joseph H Corson			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	50.00
1937	Hulda J Downing			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1938	Godfrey Fund			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1939	Frank P Corson			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1939	Lavinia F Farnsworth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1939	Howard B Moulton			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1940	Ellen Mitchel			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1941	Stevens,Sweetser,Marston,Harmon			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.94	0.94	0.00	450.00
	TOTAL			4,560.00	0.00	0.00	4,560.00	9.56	9.56	0.00	4,560.00

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	COMMON TRUST:										
1943	Jessie Drew	Cem P/C	MM	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1948	Jessie S Allard	All	All	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1952	Minnie R Towle			112.00	0.00	0.00	112.00	0.23	0.23	0.00	112.00
1952	John J Giles			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1953	Carrie B Moses			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1957	Minnie A Eastman			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1957	F M Meloon & J M Parsons			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1958	Elsie M Thurston			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1958	Ernest A Leavitt			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1958	Kezar Cemetery Fund			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1958	Moulton Cemetery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1959	George & Alfreda Hayes			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1960	Chester H Drake			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.05	1.05	0.00	500.00
1963	Emelie P Holmgren			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1963	Charles H Watts			450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.94	0.94	0.00	450.00
1963	Nelson C Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1965	Giles Lot - Swetts Hill			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1965	Cutting Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1965	Andrews Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1966	Lord Cemetery			2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	4.19	4.19	0.00	2,000.00
1966	Florence Seymore			500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	1.05	1.05	0.00	500.00
1968	John Works			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1968	John C & Marie Lee			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1968	Jesse Nason & Beck Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL			10,622.00	0.00	0.00	10,622.00	22.28	22.28	0.00	10,622.00

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	COMMON TRUST:										
1969	Albert Phinney	Cem P/C	MM	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.31	0.31	0.00	150.00
1969	Drake Lot	All	All	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	300.00
1972	Lord Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1973	B F Allard & J Durgin			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1976	Charles Bryant Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1977	David Smith Lot			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1977	Albion & Alonzo Pease Lot			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1982	Winston V & Margaret Morrow			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1982	Stephen & Elmira Danforth			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1987	Ernest & Rachel Mulvery			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1988	Gordon D Stokes			800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	1.68	1.68	0.00	800.00
1988	Pauline Sargent Rounds			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.42	0.42	0.00	200.00
1988	Abe Sargent			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1988	Frederick & Elisabeth Towle			300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.63	0.63	0.00	300.00
1988	Mary S Morrison			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1989	Charles & Mary H Stewart			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1989	William A & Sally Stoops			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
1989	David Sargent			40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.08	0.08	0.00	40.00
1999	Town Cemetery Fund			1,841.00	0.00	0.00	1,841.00	3.86	3.86	0.00	1,841.00
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	32.83	32.83	0.00	15,653.00
1938	Belinda C Wood	Library	MM	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	2.09	2.09	0.00	1,000.00
1985	Ernest Myrick	Library	MM	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.00
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	2.30	2.30	0.00	1,100.00
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUNDS			**16,753.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**	**35.13**	**35.13**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS
TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2015

				PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
DATE	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BALANCE START OF YEAR	NEW FUNDS	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE END OF YEAR	CURRENT YEAR INCOME	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
	GENERAL FUNDS:										
	Expendable Trust Funds:										
2001	Special Education	School District	MM	83,314.67	67,000.00	0.00	150,314.67	250.05	0.00	250.05	150,564.72
2002	Road Right-of-Way	Road Right of Way	MM	5,960.73	0.00	0.00	5,960.73	12.48	0.00	12.48	5,973.21
2006	Milfoil Removal	Remediation of Milfoil	MM	7,585.87	0.00	1,500.00	6,085.87	15.72	0.00	15.72	6,101.59
2009	Freedom Public Library	Maintain Bldg & Equipment	MM	12,849.98	1,500.00	6,799.00	7,550.98	26.51	0.00	26.51	7,577.49
2015	School Tuition Stabilization	School Tuition	MM	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	53.58	0.00	53.58	200,053.58
	TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS			**109,711.25**	**268,500.00**	**8,299.00**	**369,912.25**	**358.34**	**0.00**	**358.34**	**370,270.59**
	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:										
1996	School Bus	School District	MM	89,538.01	80,000.00	0.00	169,538.01	238.72	0.00	238.72	169,776.73
1989	Highway Equipment Fund	Equipment	MM	22,181.13	20,000.00	0.00	42,181.13	49.52	0.00	49.52	42,230.65
2002	Fire Department Equipment	Equipment	MM	41,190.80	0.00	0.00	41,190.80	86.30	0.00	86.30	41,277.10
2006	Municipal Land & Building	Town Buildings & Land	MM	55,734.37	12,000.00	0.00	67,734.37	118.60	0.00	118.61	67,852.98
2007	Transfer Station Equipment	Equipment	MM	15,703.99	0.00	0.00	15,703.99	32.90	0.00	32.90	15,736.89
2009	School Building Maintenance	School District Bldg Maint	MM	43,186.93	77,000.00	54,000.00	66,186.93	114.91	0.00	114.91	66,301.84
2011	Police Dept. Equipment	Equipment	MM	15,264.99	10,000.00	0.00	25,264.99	33.51	0.00	33.51	25,298.50
2011	Town Hall and Office	Maint Town Hall/Office Bldg	MM	20,259.37	0.00	0.00	20,259.37	42.45	0.00	42.45	20,301.82
2012	Highway Drainage Struct Improv	Rplc Failing Drainage Infrastr	MM	10,145.58	11,000.00	0.00	21,145.58	22.93	0.00	22.93	21,168.51
2014	School Technology	School District	MM	10,063.36	40,000.00	0.00	50,063.36	66.14	0.00	66.14	50,129.50
2014	Water Systems Repairs Fund	Rprs to Existing Water Sys	MM	15,527.20	0.00	1,464.50	14,062.70	31.51	0.00	31.51	14,094.21
2015	Town Infrastructure	Road/Bridge Repair	MM	0.00	250,000.00	0.00	250,000.00	132.60	0.00	132.60	250,132.60
	TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVES			**338,795.73**	**500,000.00**	**55,464.50**	**783,331.23**	**970.09**	**0.00**	**970.10**	**784,301.33**
	TOTAL ALL TRUST FUNDS			**465,259.98**	**768,500.00**	**63,763.50**	**1,169,996.48**	**1,363.56**	**35.13**	**1,328.43**	**1,171,324.91**

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TOWN OF FREEDOM, NH
December 31, 2015

DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE START OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL: NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL: GAINS OR (LOSSES)	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE END OF YEAR	INCOME: CURRENT YEAR INCOME	INCOME: EXPENDED DURING YEAR	INCOME: BALANCE ADDED TO PRIN	TOTAL NEW PRINCIPAL
TD Bank	Cem P/C	MM	15,653.00	0.00	0.00	15,653.00	32.83	32.83	0.00	15,653.00
TD Bank	Library	MM	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	2.30	2.30	0.00	1,100.00
TOTALS			**16,753.00**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**	**35.13**	**35.13**	**0.00**	**16,753.00**

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father/Partner	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
02/12/15	Vaquero, Cristo Forrest	Vaquero, Brian	Rhyne, Taylor	N. Conway
06/13/15	Graves, Weston Lincoln	Graves, Thatcher	Graves, Autumn	N. Conway
07/11/15	Towle, Ira John	Towle, Jacob	Snow, Allyson	N. Conway
12/26/15	Elliott, Hunter Glenn Ernest	Elliott, Justin	Shackford, Makenzie	N. Conway

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01/01/15	Freedom	Maynard, Wesley	Maynard, Wesley	Chalmers, Averil
01/14/15	Freedom	McCann, John	McCann, John	Hagan, Ellen
02/11/15		Anson, Phyllis		
02/25/15	N Conway	Seabury II, Frank	Seabury, Howland	Johnson, Rosamond
02/27/15	N Conway	Thurston, Jeanne	Chase, Carroll Sr.	Gilman, Annie
04/05/15	Freedom	White, Ernest Jr.	White, Ernest	Low, Mildred
04/14/15	N Conway	Santner, Lynn	Santner, Edward	Whiteman, Lois
04/28/15	Concord	McCue, David	McCue, John	Smedley, Grace
04/30/15	Freedom	Hand, Stephen	Hand, Walter	Donovan, Ann
05/01/15	Ossipee	Bischoff, Betty	Perry, Milton	Steeves, Evelyn
05/01/15		Chapman, David		
05/11/15	Freedom	Rightmeyer, George	Rightmeyer, Edward	Upton, Blanche
05/12/15	Freedom	Buswell, David	Buswell, Ellis	Warren, Pauline
08/30/15	Wolfeboro	Shuff, Joann	Shuff, Horace	Soderstrom, Corinne
10/16/15	N Conway	Acton, Edward	Acton, Edward	Stimson, Yeoli
11/03/15	Lebanon	Vernon, Jane	Vernon, Frederick	Etinne, Stella
11/04/15	Freedom	Sylva, John	Sylva, Joseph Jr.	McDonald, Margaret
11/26/15	Lewiston, ME	Foord, Carol C.	Emerson, Norris	Martin, Christine
12/03/15	Wolfeboro	Ellis, Edna	Knowles, Winslow	Gamble, Anna
12/07/15	Brentwood	Talbot, Margaret	McCool, Thomas	Morneau, Alfreda

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Please note the following two deaths, submitted at the request of family and/or spouse:

03/20/11	Boston, MA	Fritz, Joseph William	Fritz, Max Marcus	Stone, Sadie
11/10/14	Boston, MA	Foss, Laurence Edwin	Foss, Frank Irving	Sawyer, Edna

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FREEDOM

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Person A and Person B	Residence at time of marriage
02/01/15	Masse, Danielle L. Skehill, Mark	Dedham, MA Dedham, MA
05/03/15	Vanhorn, William R. II Jaramillo Pineda, Samara J.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
05/30/15	Neilson, Lee E. Jay, Taylor R.	University Heights, OH University Heights, OH
06/13/15	Littlefield, Jeffery N. Dale, Dawna L.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
06/27/15	Balch, David W. III Hachey, Tarryn M.	Danbury, CT Danbury, CT
07/18/15	Walsh, Kathleen P. Plante, Patrick W.	Freedom, NH Easton, NH
09/05/15	MacDonald, James S. Ripley, Denise E.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
09/19/15	Stewart-Reed, Hillary T. Sullivan, Sarah A.	Bangor, ME Bangor, ME
10/10/15	Eldridge, Michael W. Jr. Taylor, Kali M.	Freedom, NH Freedom, NH
10/10/15	Girard, Amanda K. Buswell, Michael J.	Lunenburg, MA Lunenburg, MA
10/31/15	Deveno, Jacob R. Collins, Anastasia K.	Freedom, NH Northfield, NH

Respectfully submitted,
A. Elizabeth Priebe, Town Clerk

NOTICE

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During you ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

- *Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and*
- *Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.*

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntary Merged Lots

TOWN OF FREEDOM
REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Board or Committee of interest? _____

Resident: Yes / No (circle one) **Registered Voter:** Yes / No (circle one)

How long have you lived in Freedom? _____

Are you able to attend monthly meetings? _____

Have you served on any commissions or boards? _____

If so, which ones? _____

If not, what is your background or experience pertaining to this board or committee? _____

Are you willing to attend classes and/or seminars to educate yourself about laws and procedures for the desired position? _____

Current clubs or organizations you are affiliated with: _____

_____

In your own words, why do you want to serve on this board or committee and what can you contribute? _____

_____

_____

(Please use back or additional sheet, if necessary)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Please return this form to the Freedom Town Office or mail to:

Freedom Board of Selectmen
PO Box 227 Freedom, NH 03836

SELECTMEN
Leslie Babb, Chairman
Ernest Day, Jr.
Neal Boyle
Hours:
Monday 6:30 pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thurs 8am to 3pm
Telephone: 539-6323

TOWN CLERK
A. Elizabeth Priebe
Office Hours:
Monday Evenings 6:30 to 8pm
Tuesday 12 noon to 8pm
Wednesday 9am to 3pm & 6:30 to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 12 noon
Telephone: 539-8269

TAX COLLECTOR
Annette Babb
Office Hours: Dec-Mar
Monday 11am – 1pm
Wednesday 1pm – 3pm
Saturday 9am – 12pm
Telephone: 539-5572

ZONING OFFICER
Ned Hatfield
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone 539-6323

BUILDING CODE OFFICER
Robert Babine
Office Hours:
Thursday 9am – 2pm
Telephone: 539-6323

Meeting times and office hours are subject to change.

TOWN OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Memorial Day 05/30/16
July 4 07/04/16
Labor Day 09/05/16
Columbus Day 10/10/16
Veteran's Day 11/11/16
Thanksgiving Day 11/24/16
Christmas 12/26/16
Civil Rights Day 01/16/17
Presidents Day 02/20/17

TOWN CLERK'S HOLIDAY & ELECTION DAY CLOSINGS
Town Meeting –Part 1 03/08/16
Town Meeting – Part 2 03/12/2016
Memorial Day Weekend
05/28/16 & 5/30/16
Old Home Day 07/30/16
Labor Day Weekend
09/03/16 & 09/05/16
Columbus Day 10/10/16
Christmas 12/24/16
New Years 12/31/16
Civil Rights Day 01/16/17
President's Day 02/20/17
Town Meeting 03/07/17

TRANSFER/RECYCLING FACILITY
Winter Hours:
Begins Labor Day Week
Tues. & Sat. 8 am to 4pm
Sunday 9am to 4pm
Summer Hours:
Begins Memorial Day Weekend
Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sunday
8am to 5pm
Telephone: 539-5364